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BIRTHS.

DIXON—December 21, 1924, at "Magiona," Upper Mount street, to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dixon, New Brighton, a son.

HASLAM—December 14, 1924, at Deerpark Lodge, Carrick-on-Suir, the wife of William H. Haslam, a son.

KNOTT—December 20, 1924, at Private Nursing Home, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knott, Alta Villa, Killorglin, County Kerry, a son.

MOCKLER—December 16, 1924, at Rose Villa, Kimmage road, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Mockler, a daughter.

ROBERTSON—Friday, December 19, 1924, the wife of G. E. Robertson, Stoneleigh, Eaton square, Terenure, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BYRNE and SUTHERLAND—December 18, 1924, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, by the Rev. T. White, S.J., Rector, Edward Le Cesne Byrne, only son of the late Bernard and Mrs. Byrne, Wimbledon, to Kathleen Josephine, daughter of J. J. Sutherland and Mrs. Sutherland, Leinster road, Dublin.

JOSLEN and BREWER—December 1, 1924, at All Saints' Garrison Church, Lucknow, by the Rev. A. H. Broughton, M.A., C.F., Garrison Chaplain, Lucknow, assisted by the Rev. John Porter, L.Th., C.F., Additional Garrison Chaplain, Lucknow, Lieutenant H. F. Joslen, 1st Battalion the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, son of H. Joslen, M.D., and Mrs. Joslen, of Jamaica, British West Indies, to Gwendolwn Mary, daughter of J. P. Brewer, Strandtown, County Down.

McCARTHY and PETIT—December 22, 1924, at St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire, by Rev. J. McCarthy, Blackrock, Paul McCarthy, Barrister-at-Law, third surviving son of the late J. McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy, Sligo, to Norah, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Petit, 4 Corrig avenue, Dunlaoghaire.

McKEAG and WORKMAN—December 20, 1924, in the Chapel of the Westminster Training College, by the Rev. Dr. Workman (uncle of the bride) and the Rev. Dr. Hugh McKeag (father of the bridegroom), Robert Humphreys McKeag, M.B., B.Ch., to Irene Mary, daughter of the late Walter Percy Workman, Headmaster of Kingswood School, Bath.

MALSEED and LYONS—December 15, 1924, at St. John Baptist Church, Drumcondra, by the Rev. H. C. Cave, M.A., Rector of the Parish, James Malseed, Solicitor, Letterkenny, to Maude, eldest daughter of the late John Lyons, Letterkenny, and Mrs. Lyons, 59 Church avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

POWELL and MORTON—August 6, 1924, at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. — Hobson, George Maurice C. Powell, L.R.C.S.I., third son of Lieutenant-Colonel C. K. Powell, R.A.M.C. (retired), Rathmines, County Dublin, to Marjorie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Morton, "Rosedean," Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in t i column will be found on Page 4.

BROWN—December 19, 1924, at her son's residence, Roden place, Dundalk, Jane, widow of late Edwin Brown, Drogheda. "Peace, perfect peace."

CALLAGHAN—December 21, 1924, at the Mercy Convent, Roscommon, Mary Callaghan (in religion Sister Mary Celestine), in her 62nd year and 40th of her religious life. R.I.P.

CUNNINGHAM—December 23, 1924, at 58 Grove Park, Rathmines, the infant son of Charlotte and Andrew Cunningham. Funeral private.

EDBROOKE—Mary, beloved wife of Charles Edbrooke, of Malahide. Funeral to arrive Mount Jerome to-day (Wednesday) 10 a.m.

HAMILTON—December 23, 1924, at St. Patrick's Cottage, Stockbridge, Annie Maud, eldest daughter of the late Frederick Hamilton, Esq., Castlewaller, County Tipperary, and Ballyfair House, County Kildare. "At rest."

HANBY—December 23, 1924, at his residence, 85 Grove Park, Rathmines, Richard H. Hanby. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and sons. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements evening papers.

HANNA—December 22, 1924, at Knock, Belfast, Elizabeth Hanna, aged 86, widow of late John Hanna, Belfast.

HANNIGAN—December 22, 1924, at Main street, Cashel, Elizabeth Hannigan, dearly-beloved mother of M. H. Hannigan. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) at 1 o'clock.

JOHNSTONE—December 23, 1924, at his residence, 16 Halliday square, N.C. road, David, aged 44, youngest son of the late James and Mrs. Johnstone, Netherton Braes, Scotland. Deeply mourned by his wife and children, mother, sisters, and brothers. Funeral 11.30 this morning Mount Jerome.

KELM—December 22, 1924, Mary, wife of James Kelm, 28 Windsor avenue, Fairview, Dublin, and eldest child of the late James and Sarah Chadwick, Glasgow, aged 66 years. Deeply regretted.

KENNEDY—December 23, 1924, at his residence, Pass, Clonmel, John Kennedy. R.I.P. Remains will be removed at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Christmas Day) to Parish Church, Powerstown. Office and High Mass on Friday at 11 a.m. Interment immediately afterwards. (Wake private.)

LEGG—December 23, 1924, Frederick William Legg, of 16 Brighton road, Rathgar, Dublin. Funeral private.

LYNN—December 23, 1924, at "Homefield," Home Farm road, Whitehall, Dublin, Alec McIlroy Lynn, loving husband of Alice Lynn.

MAHONY—December 22, 1924, at Downside, Anthony, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mahony, 12 Ailesbury road, Dublin.

MITCHELL—December 21, 1924, at Northern Bank House, Londonderry, Peter, younger and dearly-loved child of John and Violet Mitchell. Funeral private.

WALTERS—December 21, 1924, at her residence, 26 Newgrove avenue, Sandymount, Maria, dearly-beloved wife of John J. Walters. Deeply and deservedly regretted by her sorrowing husband, family, and large circle of friends. "For ever with the Lord." Funeral private.

WOODS—December 22, 1924, Charles Woods, Culvin street, Mullingar, aged 78 years. Funeral arriving Streete Church 1 o'clock to-day (Wednesday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late **Mrs. Mary Tisdall**, 23 Fitzroy avenue, Drumcondra, return their sincere thanks to all kind friends who sent wreaths, telegrams, and letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and trust this will be accepted as their grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARMSTRONG—In loving memory of George Armstrong, Bruree, County Limerick, who died Christmas Day, 1918. "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

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HORNER—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Hannah Beatrice, who died December 25th, 1923. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm xxiii.
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MacCARTHY—In ever-loving memory of Robert MacCarthy, Newcastle, Clonmel, who died 24th December, 1920. "With Christ, which is far better." Inserted by his loving wife and sons.

MILMO—First Anniversary—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died 25th December, 1923. R.I.P.

PARR—To the memory of our dear son, Charles Edward Parr, who passed away in Bombay December 24th, 1921. "Abide with us," Luke xxiv., 29.

SHAW—In loving memory of mother, called Home December 24, 1921. "Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away."—Kathleen.

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NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
PATRICK JOSEPH CULLINAN, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that the said Patrick Joseph Cullinan, late of Carrollstown House, Trim, in the County of Meath, by his Will, dated the 21st day of December, 1922, made the following bequests, that is to say:—

To Sister Anna Cullinan, known as Mother Aquinas, of the Loretto Convent, Rathfarnham, for such charitable purposes in Ireland as she in her discretion shall think fit, the sum of £200.

And Testator bequeathed the following sums for Masses for the repose of his soul and that of his deceased wife:—

To Father Bernard Gorman, of Clarendon street, Dublin, £25.

To Father John Flatley, Parish Priest of Aughagower, Co. Mayo, £25.

To the Lord Abbott for the time being of the Trappist Order of Mount Mellary, County Waterford, £50.

The said Testator died on the 13th day of December, 1923, without having altered or revoked said Will; and Probate thereof was granted to Harry Kirwan, of Caherhue, Co. Galway, Esquire, and Patrick Dunne Cullinan, of Carrollstown, Trim, Co. Meath, aforesaid, the Executors named in said Will, on the 15th day of February, 1924, forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1924.
BROWN and McCANN, Solicitors, 23 Anglesea street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all who it may concern.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, Made in a Cause,
EBRILL v. McNAMARA
(1924, No. 354).

All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting Parts of the Lands of Coolraine, containing 48a. 1r. 16p., comprised in Folio No. 7900 of the Register of County Limerick; Coonagh, East, containing 38a. 0r. 19p., comprised in Folio No. 7901 of the said Register, both in the Barony of North Liberties and County of Limerick; and Farranshonemore, containing 3a. 1r. 8p., in the said Barony and County; and a Plot of Ground in the Parish of St. Nicholas and City of Limerick, containing 2a. 2r. 0p., both comprised in Folio No. 7870 of the said Register, are, by their Solicitors, to enter, and prove the claims at Chambers No. 1 Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on or before the 12th day of January, 1925, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every Incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same at the said Chambers, on the 16th day of January, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1924.
THOS. W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.
R. McNAMARA and CO., Solicitors for Plaintiffs, 20 Molesworth street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, made in a Suit—
JAMES CONNOLLY, Plaintiff;
DENIS HIGGINS, Defendant.

All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting the Defendant's interest in that part of the Lands of Ballyleary, containing 67 acres 1 rood 27 perches, Statute measure, situate in the Electoral Division of Queenstown, Rural Barony of Barrymore, and County of Cork, being the lands entered on Folio 13,305 of the Land Register of said county, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on or before the 28th day of January, 1925, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every such Incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on the 4th day of February, 1925, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1924.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice Made in an Action,
ANNE MORAN, Plaintiff;
JOHN FARRELL, Defendant.

All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting Part of the Lands of Fennor, containing 147a. 3r. 7p., or thereabouts, Statute measure, situate in the Barony of West Offaly, in the County of Kildare, being the lands comprised in Folio No. 280, of the Land Register of said county, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the 4th day of February, 1925, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every such Incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 11th day of February, 1925, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.
ALFRED W. GLOVER, Solicitor for Plaintiff, 20 Wicklow street, Dublin.

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PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE. North Circular road, Tuesday.—In view of the proximity of Christmas there was a big reduction in the numerical strength of the market to-day—namely, over 3,600 head of cattle and 5,235 head of sheep. The gathering might be described as a holiday one, and few buyers were about, therefore the small quantity of live stock offering was sufficient to meet the demand. Anything of prime class realised last day's figures, but below this standard prices were somewhat irregular and difficult to quote.

	Numbers on Sale.	This week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of 1923.	1922.
Cattle	1,577	Decrease	3,632	3,706	4,390
Sheep	1,705	Decrease	6,235	3,660	5,003
Veal calves	—	—	—	—	—

The restricted supply of prime stallfed cattle to-day maintained last day's figures, viz., 50s. to 56s. per cwt., and best average run of outfed bullocks and heifers from 46s. to 50s. per cwt. It is hard to record with accuracy rates for the rougher and more ordinary descriptions of cattle, but the best of what was offered in this line may be written at from 40s. to 45s. per cwt. Anything of weedy class was unbid for. Beef cows again in fair request at, say, 40s. to 44s., and, perhaps, in a few cases 45s. for the best run; old and lean anywhere from 30s. to 38s. per cwt., according to merit. No veal calves offering here to-day.

There were practically no city buyers in the ovine section of our market, and very few cross-Channel men; the latter were in quest of hoggets of the lamb class, and these realised around 50s. to 75s. apiece for shipment. Choice qualities of mutton sold at 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. per lb.; and occasionally 1s. 2½d. to 1s. 3d. for something of extra nice class; ordinary descriptions, say, 10d. to 1s. 0½d. per lb.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE.—Only 45 head of milch cattle at market, and very little doing in the sales direction. What transactions were recorded were put through at last day's figures, say, £30 to £36 for choice heavy milchers, and from £15 to £24 and £28 apiece for the average run of cows.

DUBLIN PIG.—A mere holiday market. Only 135 head of swine, the pick of which realised 87/- to 90/- and 95/- per cwt. Others at irregular figures.

SALFORD.—There were on offer—Beasts, 459 (decrease 952); sheep and lambs, 2,105 (decrease 5,258); calves, 2. Market generally of holiday character and buyers conspicuous by their absence. Irish animals formed the main source of supply, and quality of both cattle and sheep uniformly poor. A few choice beasts held for full rates. Best butchers' beasts quoted 10½d. to 11d., Irish 10d. to 11d.; choice light North country sheep 1/6 to 1/7, ewes 11d. to 1/-; best lambs 1/8½, seconds up to 1/7 per lb. Cows suitable for dairy purposes numbered 47, and were in poor demand at £24 to £36 per head.

BIRMINGHAM.—Arrivals of pigs are small. A good inquiry, and values advanced for bacons and small after week-end. ; sizeable bacon 17/- per score dead weight, butters from 16/9, but generally 17/-, and sows 11/6.

LEEDS.—Limited supply, with poor attendance. On offer 117 beasts, at 10d. to 1/-, fat cows 8d. to 9d.; sheep 602, at 1/3 to 1/7, ewes 1/- to 1/1½.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT—Cargo market displayed quieter features, and prices moved in buyers' favour; No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sellers 70/3, No. 2 ditto afloat 68/9, white Pacific January 64/3, choice white Karachi January 63/-, Australian January-February 65/3, Rosafe 64lbs. January-February 65/3, Barusso 63½lbs. ditto 64/9. Parcels dull at generally 3d. per quarter decline; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January-February quoted 70/-, Australian January-February 65/3, choice white Karachi January 63/-, Rosafe 64lbs. January 64/9 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargoes quiet at about late rates; Plate steamers afloat sellers 46/-, December-January 47/-, January-February 48/-, February-March 49/-. Parcels quiet and easier; Plate December-January sold 45/3, January-February quoted 47/- per 480lbs. BARLEY inactive and prices nominally unaltered. OATS quiet; Plate f.a.q. December sellers 27/10½, January 27/6, January-February 27/3, No. 2 Canadian Western January 34/- per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The sharp decline in Winnipeg and Chicago was counteracted to some extent by steady Argentine cables, but forward deliveries of WHEAT here showed a liberal decline at the commencement of operations. Values later almost recovered the loss and fluctuated fairly according to the offerings, finishing over the worst point, but showing a liberal decline from last night. C.i.f parcels easier; No. 3 Manitoba arrived sold at 65/-, No. 2 hard winter January 64/9, and choice white Karachi January-February 62/6 per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE lower; River Plate afloat sold at 43/10½ to 44/6, December 45/- to 45/3, January-February 46/6 per qr. Wheat on the spot firm but quiet at about 1d. per cental over Friday last. Maize spot parcels quiet and River Plate easier at 9/7½ to 9/8, but Russian steady at 10/9, and Australian 10/- per cental. FLOUR firmly held at late rates. Graded wheat futures opened 1d. to 1½d. per cental lower, fluctuated fairly, and closed 1½d. to 1¾d. lower on the day. Maize options closed partially ¼d. dearer after being ¼d. to ½d. lower.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. There has been more or less of a holiday tone in all departments, with little disposition to operate. Irish and Danish BACON remain firm at late rates, but the demand is of only a moderate character. Canadian Wiltshires firm, but quiet and unaltered. American selections of bacon here attract little attention, but no further change is made in values, long clears and bellies being still scarce and nominal. HAMS steady and dearer for short cut at 95/- to 110/- per cwt., but long freely offered at lower prices of 104/- to 106/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet at late rates for squares and New Yorks, with picnics nominal in the absence of supplies. LARD on the spot 6d. per cwt. easier in sympathy with c.i.f. quotations. Prime steam now 86/- to 87/- and American refined 86/6 to 88/- per cwt. Little business reported. CHEESE still firm and New Zealand dearer at 98/- to 100/-, being now on a parity with Canadian. BUTTER quiet and Danish reduced to 236/- to 238/- per cwt. EGGS quiet at 23/- to 26/- for Irish hen and 9/6 to 10/3 Egyptian per 120.

REFINED LARD "FUTURES."—This market will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Day. Chicago finished worse than expected and prices here gave way during the early session, fluctuating slightly, and finished 3d. to 6d. per cwt. under last night. January sold at 84/- to 84/3, March 85/- to 85/6, May 86/3 to 86/-, September 88/-, with June quoted 86/- to 85/3. With easier and cash ex quay 83/9 to 84/- per cwt. afternoon cables, values further receded slightly, closing 3d. to 9d. per cwt. lower on the day. Sales—December 84/-, January 84/3, May 86/3 to 86/-, September 88/-, and March quoted 85/3 to 85/6, and cash ex quay 83/9 bid.

MANCHESTER.—BUTTER—Trading on the butter market was of a holiday character and prices displayed an easier tendency. Danish ranged from 238/- to 240/-, Swedish and Finnish 234/- to 236/-, New Zealand 206/- to 208/-, Australian 194/- to 198/- per cwt. BACON—With a fair inquiry values remained steady, supplies from Denmark being rather short. LARD quiet, with English refined 91/6, boxes, wholesale. CHEESE—Lancashire and Cheshire finest showed no change, whilst Colonial makes ruled firm. New Zealand white and coloured 98/- to 100/-, and Canadian 96/- to 99/-. EGGS were maintained at about late rates: Irish extras 24/- to 24/6, ordinary 23/- to 23/6, and Danish (18lbs.) 26/- to 26/6 per 120 according to selection.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.—There was a good demand for the rather large supply of vegetables, and prices may be recorded as follow:—York cabbage 40/- to 67/-, 70/- to 73/- and 80/- per load, Savoy 30/- to 36/-, 85/- and 88/- per load; swedes 1/8 to 2/1 per cwt., sprouts 3/- to 6/- per float, celery 3/6 to 6/6 and 7/6 per bundle, cauliflowers 3/- to 4/6 per dozen, white turnips 8d. to 10d. per bunch, thyme 2d. to 6d. per bunch, parsley 1/- to 1/6 bunch, 3/6 bag, sage 2d. to 6d. bunch, 2/- dozen; beet 1/- to 2/- per dozen, leeks 1/- to 2/- per bunch, carrots 8d. to 2/- and 2/4 per bundle, spinach 8d. In the foreign fruit section supply was good, but business slow at following prices:—Apples—Yorks 36/- per barrel, Ben Davis 28/- to 30/-, Bramleys 20/- per half barrel, 36/- barrel; Oregon pippens 20/- box, Californian 12/- to 14/- per box, reds 18/-, russets 10/- to 12/- c/s. Oranges—300's 18/-, 360's 16/-, 240's 20/-, 504's 17/- to 18/-, 420's 25/- to 28/- and 30/-. Pears—Winter Nelis 21/- per half case, 42/- whole case, Kieffer 30/- to 44/-. Tangerines 1/9 to 2/- per tray, 12/- to 18/- per case. Bananas 34/- to 36/- per crate. Lemons—300's 25/-, 12/- to 14/- per box. Grapes 28/- per barrel, blacks 3/- to 3/6 per lb. Onions—5's 14/-, 4 and 6's 13/-. Tomatoes 32/- per bundle.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Demand still very dull and little business doing at 8/- to 8/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN POULTRY AND GAME (Halston street).—Prices to-day show an advance, nevertheless everything cleared readily at following rates:—Chickens 1/- to 1/3 per lb., hens 2/- to 2/6 each, best ducks 2/6 to 3/6 each, geese 10d. to 1/- per lb., turkeys, prime quality, 1/4 to 1/6 per lb., others 1/- to 1/3 per lb. Game—Grouse 2/6 each, partridge, young, 2/- to 3/- each, old 1/6, cock pheasants 5/- to 5/6, hens 4/6 to 5/-, best hares 2/6 to 3/6 each. Fresh trapped rabbits of best quality 1/- to 1/6 each.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—The high prices of Danish butter keep down consumptive demand. To-day's quotations are 2/2½ to 2/3 per lb. Australian creams continue to be best value, and selling freely at 1/9½ to 1/9¾ for finest brands; some fair qualities offering at 1/9 to 1/9½ per lb. Demand for New Zealand butter is quiet at 1/11 per lb. Supply of Irish butter is practically nil in this centre; a few factories are realising 1/5 to 1/5½ per lb.; an occasional lot of farmers' butter of middling quality sells at 1/3 to 1/5½ per lb., according to class. Supplies of eggs are limited just now, in view of the fact that a number of egg dealers are at present engaged with poultry business. Demand for fresh eggs is very good at the lower prices now ruling, viz., best case lots of hen eggs from reliable consignors, 24/- to 25/-; extra selected heavily picked lots, 26/6 to 27/6 per 120; good mediums, 21/- to 22/6; country smalls, 16/- to 17/6. Duck eggs in better request at 22/- to 24/-. Trade for cold storage eggs is fair at 19/- to 20/- per 120.

CORK BUTTER.—The market remains quiet and steady. Creameries 215/- per cwt., choicest salted 215/- upwards, farmers' fresh parcels 163/-.

DUBLIN FISH.—A small supply of fish on market, mainly due to last night's storm. Demand was good for everything except herrings. Large lobsters 30/- to 40/-, seconds 20/- to 25/-, and smalls 12/6 to 15/- per lot of 13. One chest on offer. Plaice 40/- to 55/- and 60/- per half box, codfish 30/- to 45/- and 50/- per half box, herrings (60 boxes) averaged 4/- to 20/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Supply liberal. Demand moderate. Soles 24d. to 31d., slips 24d. to 28d. per lb.; live eels 22/- to 34/-, dead 20/- to 30/- per draught; turbot 18/- to 23/-, brill 15/- to 17/-, plaice 8/- to 13/-, halibut 15/- to 21/-, lemon soles 14/- to 20/-, whitches 5/- to 8/, whiting 3/ to 4/-, hake 8/- to 9/-, cod 4/- to 8/-, skate 5/ to 8/-, haddocks 6/- to 8/- per stone.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Official).—Quotations:—Beef—Scotch short sides 8/4 to 9/4, long 7/4 to 8/-; English long sides 6/- to 7/4; Irish, Birkenhead killed, 6/- to 6/8; Canadian, Birkenhead killed, 6/5 to 7/-; Argentine chilled hindquarters 4/4 to 5/6, fores 2/10 to 3/3; Uruguayan chilled hindquarters 4/6 to 4/10, fores 2/10 to 3/-. Mutton—Scotch 9/4 to 10/4, tegs 10/- to 10/8, ewes 5/8 to 6/8; English mutton 8/8 to 10/-, tegs 9/8 to 10/4, ewes 5/4 to 5/8; Dutch mutton 5/4 to 8/8; New Zealand wethers 5/6 to 7/-, ewes 4/8 to 5/2; Argentine wethers 5/- to 6/4, ewes 4/8 to 5/2; lamb, Scotch hill 8/8 to 10/4, Australian frozen 7/10 to 8/9, Argentine 7/8 to 8/8, Canadian chilled 8/- to 8/6. Veal—English, best, 8/- to 10/-, do. bobbies 4/8 to 6/-; Dutch 8/- to 10/-, do. bobbies 4/8 to 5/4; Belgian, fat 8/- to 10/-, stirks 5/8 to 6/-. Pork—Best English, under 10st. 7/- to 7/6, 10st. to 15st. 6/6 to 7/-, 15st. to 20st. 6/- to 6/4, over 20st. 5/4 to 6/-; Irish 5/4 to 6/-; Dutch 6/4 to 7/4, and fat sows 4/8 to 5/-, all per stone of 8lbs. Arrivals pitched included 20 tons of Scottish beef, 50 Birkenhead sides, 400 town-killed sides, 9,590 chilled qrs. and 90 loads of Dutch meat.

SMITHFIELD (LONDON) POULTRY AND GAME.—Quotations:—Surrey chickens, 1/5 to 1/10, country 1/3 to 1/5, Irish 1/1 to 1/4, Belgian 1/5 to 1/7, Dutch 1/2 to 1/5, Hungarian 1/2 to 1/4; English hens, old, 10d. to 1/-; Irish 8d. to 11d., country ducks 1/1 to 1/3, goslings 1/- to 1/3, wild rabbits 7½d to 9d.; English turkeys 1/4 to 1/10, Irish 1/2 to 1/5, Hungarian 9d. to 11d., French 1/1 to 1/5, Italian 11d. to 1/1, and Argentine 1/2 to 1/3 per lb. Pheasants 4/9 to 5/6; partridges, young 4/- to 4/6, old 1/6 to 1/9; wild ducks 2/6 to 2/9 widgeon 1/6 to 1/8, teal 10d. to 1/2, golden plover 1/2 to 1/5, black 9d. to 1/-; Guinea fowl 3/3 to 3/9, English hares 5/- to 5/6, Scotch 1/9 to 2/3, and leverets and small hares 2/6 to 3/9 each. Australian frozen rabbits 35/- to 43/- per case of two dozen. Eggs—English new laid 1st grade 27/- to 28/-, 2nd grade 25/- to 26/6; Irish new laid 23/- to 24/-, do. cold stored 17/- to 19/-; pullet, small 19/6 to 21/-; Canadian 20/- to 22/-, South African 20/- to 21/6, Belgian 23/- to 25/-; Danish, 16lbs. 24/- to 25/-, 18lbs. 27/- to 27/6; Dutch, mixed 25/- to 26/-, brown 27/- to 28/-; Italian 21/6 to 23/6, Argentine 16/5 to 18/-, New Zealand 24/-, Australian 22/6 to 23/-, Chinese 16/- to 20/-, Egyptian 11/6 to 12/6, Russian cold stored 17/6 to 18/6, Styrian 18/9 to 19/-. Duck eggs—English 22/6 to 24/6, Dutch 19/6 to 20/-, and Chinese 16/-, all per 120.

LONDON POTATO.—Foreign supplies continue heavy; trade slow. Best King Edwards 10/- to 11/-, Eclipse, British Queens, also Majestic 8/6 to 9/-, blackland King Edwards 8/6 to 9/-, ditto Evergoods 8/- to 8/6 per cwt.; German whites 6/- to 7/-, Polish 6/- to 7/- per 50 kilo bag.

PRODUCE.

LONDON. — SUGAR—Tate and Lyle's cubes quoted 36/9 to 37/9, crushed 35/3, gran. fine, also coarse, 33/4½, No. 1 33/1½; London, also T.L.S. and No. 2 32/10½; yellow crystals spot 30/4½, white Mauritius spot 30/6, Dutch gran. do. 30/9, Czecho do. 30/9, Belgian do. 30/6, and Hungarian crystals 30/6; English Crown gran. prompt delivery 31/-, ex works Norfolk and 31/3 ex works Nottingham. Continental gran. in forward positions are rather better supported, and general tone steady; Czecho ready sold 17/6, Jan.-March 17/9, April-July sellers 18/3 f.o.b. Hamburg; Belgian ready 17/-, Dec. 16/9 f.o.b. Antwerp; white Java May-June shipment sellers 18/-, c.i.f. U.K. Raw kinds quietly steady. Cuban receipts for past week, old and new crop, total 15,683 tons, compared with 9,128 tons corresponding period last year; exports 11,184 tons against 6,295 tons, stock 16,181 tons against 8,767 tons. Centrals working 64 against 47. White terminal market steady; Dec. 16/10½, Feb. 17/-, March 17/1½, May 17/4½, August 17/6 per cwt.

COFFEE—Spot market fully steady, and there is a good inquiry for all the finer home trade qualities. Futures firmer; Dec. quoted at 115/6, and March 114/6 per cwt. COCOA—Spot market full at recent quotations; Accra for shipment F/F quality Jan.-March sellers 41/6 per cwt. f.o.b. terms. TEA quiet, the market being practically closed for the holidays. RICE quietly steady; two stars spot quoted 18/-, Jan.-Feb. 14/10½, Feb.-March 14/9, Spanish prompt 23/6 to 23/9, and Italian do. 22/3. Japanese peas, spot 25/-, Jan.-Feb. 25/3. Rangoon beans, hand-picked spot 12/9, for shipment 13/- and f.a.q. Nov.-Dec. 10/6. Madagascar butter beans, spot 40/- to 42/-, as to quality, and Dec.-Jan. shipment 35/- per cwt. SPICE—Pepper steady, with moderate inquiries; black Singapore L.S. Jan.-March quoted 5½d., Lampong 5½d., Muntok Jan.-March 10¼d., March-May 11d. Zanzibar cloves, spot 1/- to 1/1, Oct.-Dec. 11½d., Jan.-March 11d. per lb. TAPIOCA fully steady; Singapore flake Jan.-Feb. to Havre sold 20/-. Penang seed do. to London sellers 20/6. Sago flour, Jan.-March quoted 17/-. Desiccated coconut, fine cut spot 39/3, medium 39/6, halves Dec.-Jan. 39/- per cwt. JUTE—Market firmer; firsts to Continent Jan.-Feb. quoted £38 10/-, Feb.-March £38 15/-; lightning Dec.-Jan., also Jan.-Feb., £36 15/-, Feb.-March £37 per ton. Hessians and twills quiet, but firmly held. HEMP—Manila firm, and sellers reserved; J grade Dec.-Feb. quoted £56, A do. £55, L £54, M £52 10/-. Receipts for past week totalled 13,000 bales, estimates for next week 27,000 bales, and the following week 23,000 bales. New Zealand nominal; African sisal unaltered.

RUBBER generally quiet, though late rates were maintained; plantation standard crepe, also sheet spot to Jan.-March sold 1/7¼, April-June 1/7¼, July-Sept. 1/7; fine hard Para, spot sellers 1/7. To New York—Ribbed smoked sheet Dec.-Jan., also Jan.-Feb., quoted 1/7½ per lb. c.i.f. terms. OILS—Linseed quiet; spot 48/6, Jan.-April 48/-, May-August 48/3. Rape—Crude spot 51/6, refined 54/6. Cotton—Crude Egyptian spot 47/3, Bombay 45/-, common edible 52/-. China Wood—Hankow spot barrels 79/6, Dec.-Jan. 77/-. Soya—Oriental barrels Dec.-Jan. 45/6, bulk do. 42/9. Groundnut—Crude naked spot 56/-, deodorised barrels 66/-. Coconut—Ceylon spot pipes 49/-, Jan.-Feb. 48/6. Turpentine easier; American spot 60/3, Jan.-April 61/3 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed market quieter, and prices barely steady; Calcutta to London Dec.-Jan. sellers £24 2/6, Jan.-Feb. £24 7/6, April-May £24 2/6, Plate to Hull Dec.-Jan., also Jan.-Feb., £22 10/-. Rapeseed slow; Toria to Continent afloat sellers £22 7/6, new Dec.-Jan. £21, gal bold Ferozepore Dec.-Jan. £20 17/6. Cottonseed firm, but quiet; Egyptian black to Hull Dec. sellers £13 15/-, white do. £13 5/-, Bombay Jan.-Feb. £10 17/6, Feb.-March £10 15/- per ton. Castorseed, Gingelly, and Groundnuts unaltered.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—Moderate demand for fine sugars, but which are presently very scarce on spot. Prices show no further alteration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing).—American quiet. Brazilian quotations raised 4 points. East Indian quotations (Bengal and Scinde) reduced 25 points. Egyptian more business. American futures:—December 13.07d., January 13.08d., February 13.09d., March 13.14d., April 13.16d. May 13.23d. Sales 5,000, imports 45,951 bales. Market quiet.

MANCHESTER TRADE.—The market begins to assume a holiday tone, and much of the business done is of a squaring up character. This, however, is not to be despised, and but for difficulties of price and delivery would be quite respectable. India and one or two minor outlets are best represented in trade reported. American yarns keep strong, with fair business.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Liberal arrivals moved slowly. Best meadow hay £5 5/- to £5 15/-, medium £4 to £4 15/-, inferior £3 5/- to £3 15/-, best clover £5 15/- to £6 5/-, best mixtures sainfoin £5 10/- to £6; best trussed wheat straw 85/- to 95/-, barley and oat ditto 85/- to 95/-, all per ton delivered.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN STILL RISING.

The recent upward movement in TIN was well maintained, and prices displayed a further advance under sustained buying orders, cash being 40/- and forward 50/- per ton dearer compared with Monday's final rates. Standard cash quoted £267 10/- to £267 15/-, three months £271 to £271 5/-, settlement price £267 15/-. 950 tons sold cash at £267 to £266 15/-, and finally registered at £267 5/-, three months £270 to £271 and £270 15/-, finally at £271 5/-; English ingots £268 10/- to £269. COPPER continues in good support and 7/6 per ton dearer on balance; standard cash quoted £66 17/6 to £67, three months £67 17/6 to £68, settlement price £66 17/6. 1,600 tons changed hands; standard end December sold £66 16/3, three months £67 15/-, £67 12/6, and again at £67 17/6; electros quoted £71 5/- to £71 15/-. best selected £70 10/- to £71 15/-, S.S. £96, wire bars £71 15/-. LEAD firmer with a good business done; 1,100 tons changed hands, good soft foreign pig December at £43 5/-, February £41 12/6 to £41 16/3, March £40 10/-, £40 7/6 and £40 17/6, April £40 to £40 5/-, settlement price £43 5/-. English quoted £44 10/-. SPELTER active and dearer; 2,000 tons sold, December at £38 10/-, January £38, February £37 15/-, £38 3/9 and £38 2/6, March £37 15/-, £38 1/3 and £37 18/9, April £37 18/9, settlement price £38 10/- per ton. TIN PLATES—I.C. coke prompt and forward 23/6 per box f.o.b. Swansea. QUICKSILVER spot £12 10/- to £12 12/6 per bottle.

YEAR'S SHIPBUILDING IN BELFAST.

DECREASE IN OUTPUT.

The total tonnage of ships launched at Belfast this year was 105,747 tons, compared with 127,433 tons last year. Messrs. Harland and Wolff's output at Belfast was three vessels of 59,913 tons, and Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. launched nine vessels of 45,834 tons. More than half the building berths in Belfast were unoccupied during the year.

There has been some slight improvement in the position so far as Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., is concerned, during the current quarter, but the amount of work on hands is not very great, judged by the pre-war standards. At Messrs. Harland and Wolff's yards the bulk of the work is provided by the two 22,000 ton motor ships for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., and one of similar size for the Union Castle Co., all of which will be launched in 1925.

Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. are building two steamers for the Court Line, one of which is well advanced; a motor ship for the Commonwealth and Dominion Line, a cargo boat for foreign owners, and two barges for the Belfast Harbour Commissioners. The firm repaired about seventy vessels during the past year, the largest being the Commonwealth and Dominion liner Port Melbourne, which received extensive alterations.

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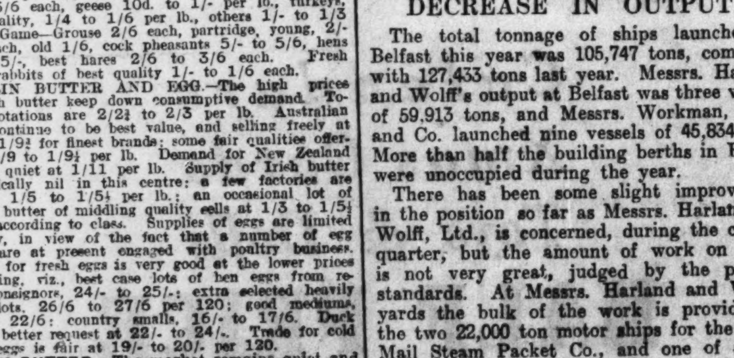

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BANKRUPTCY CASES.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Mr. Justice Meredith sat specially in the High Court, Dublin Castle, yesterday for the purpose of hearing an application in the matter of James Murtagh, of T... Green Bridge, Patrick street, Mullingar, cattle dealer, a bankrupt, for the release from Mountjoy Prison of the bankrupt and his two brothers, Eugene Murtagh, of Oliver Plunkett street, Mullingar, tailor, and Matthew Murtagh, of Mount street, Mullingar, cattle dealer.

The bankrupt was arrested by an Assistant Messenger of the Court of Bankruptcy on the 17th of last May near Tyrrellspass as he was returning home from Tyrrellspass fair. The Messenger, who was accompanied by Guard Clanchy, met the bankrupt, who was travelling on an outside car driven by the bankrupt's brother Matthew. Sergeant Curran, of the Civic Guard, was cycling behind the car. The Messenger told the bankrupt who he was, produced the warrant and took him into custody. The bankrupt said that it was all right and went round to the side his brother was at and handed him a bundle of notes. Matthew picked up the reins as if to drive away. The Messenger caught hold of him and pulled him off the car.

A short scuffle took place, and, assisted by the Civic Guards, the Messenger took the notes from Matthew Murtagh. Matthew said that the Messenger could not take the money, that it was part of his wife's fortune, and he caught hold of the Messenger and drew his horse across the road in front of the motor car in which he had placed the bankrupt. Matthew was threatened with arrest by the Sergeant before he would take the horse out of the way. Matthew said as they were driving away that there was a cheque of his among the money and that he would stop it. On arriving at the Civic Guard Barracks the Messenger examined the money and found £50 in bank notes and a blank cheque on the Mullingar branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank bearing the name of Eugene Murtagh.

The bankrupt was subsequently committed to Mountjoy Prison for contempt of court, in failing to lodge a cash account, and on last Friday his two brothers, Matthew and Eugene, were committed for unsatisfactory answering.

Mr. Lardner, K.C., who (instructed by Messrs. Little and Cullen), appeared for the petitioning creditor, Mr. P. J. Tormey, of Kingstown, stated the facts, and read a joint affidavit made by Eugene and Matthew Murtagh. Eugene mentioned certain advances of money that he had made to his brother James. He (Eugene) had carried on the business of a tailor at Mullingar for a number of years past, out of which he had derived considerable profit, which he had from time to time placed on deposit receipt in the Munster and Leinster Bank at Mullingar, as was evidenced by the fact that on Friday, 19th inst., his solicitor, by his direction and with his full authority, lodged with the Official Assignee a deposit receipt for £380, out of which he was satisfied that the Assignee should retain £238, to be distributed rateably amongst the creditors of his brother James in pursuance of the arrangement come to between the solicitor for the petitioning creditor and his solicitor. Matthew Murtagh stated that he regretted exceedingly that on the occasion of the arrest of his brother James last May he should have in any way interfered with the Messenger of the Court, and for so doing he desired to tender to the Court an ample apology.

Both expressed regret that they should in any way have been guilty of contempt of court, and they undertook not to interfere with the creditors or the officers of the Court in the discharge of their duties, or to impede the administration of the estate of their brother

Mr. Lardner expressed the opinion that though the case was a very bad one the three brothers might, under the circumstances, be now released.

Mr. Justice Meredith made an order for the release of the bankrupt and his two brothers.

A DONEGAL MERCHANT'S AFFAIRS.

In the matter of Francis Galbraith, of Manorcunningham, Co. Donegal, merchant, a bankrupt, the bankrupt and another witness were examined yesterday before Sir Walter Boyd, the Chief Registrar.

In reply to Mr. Lardner, K.C., who (instructed by Mr. W. V. Seddall), appeared for the assignees, Mr. Galbraith stated that a debtor's summons was issued against him on the 29th November, 1924, at the suit of Messrs. Gilliland and Sons, Ltd., Derry. He had previously tried to carry a composition of 5s. in the £, but had failed. There were two vanmen in his employment. One of them, Philip Boyle, was paid £35 half-yearly and his keep. He would be surprised to hear that Boyle had over £400 on deposit receipt in the bank. None of this money was his (the bankrupt's) to his knowledge. Boyle never lent him any money. Boyle was no relation of his. He could not explain how, while he was going down the hill, Boyle was going up the hill. The total amount of his liabilities was about £1,500.

Philip Boyle was also examined and denied that he was controlling the business while the bankrupt was wasting money. Witness had £430 on deposit receipt. He earned the money.

The matter was adjourned.

TOWARDS TEMPERANCE.

ASSOCIATION'S GOOD WORK.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance, Mr. W. H. Woodworth presiding, consideration was given to the Commission on Licensing Laws promised by the Minister for Justice, and also to the subject of a referendum to the voters of the Free State.

A report was made that a deputation waited on Senators James C. Douglas and Michael O'Dea on the 26th November with reference to the Intoxicating Liquor Bill. The deputation consisted of representatives of the following societies:—Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart, Catholic Total Abstinence Federation, Father Mathew Union of Total Abstaining Priests, Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association, Church of Ireland Temperance Society, Dublin Presbytery, Friends' Total Abstinence Association, Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance, Temperance Commission of Dublin Christian Citizenship Council, Hibernian Band of Hope Union, and the Temperance Council of Christian Churches. The result of the deputation was the moving of several amendments to the bill which materially strengthened it.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Woodworth, seconded by Mr. Frederick T. Eason, Mr. John Mackie, F.C.A., was unanimously co-opted as a member of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Irish Order of Rechabites was held on 26th November, 1924, to inaugurate the Order as an Irish friendly society. Sixty applications for new members had been received.

"SANTA DAWES" IN GERMANY.

A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS.

BERLIN, December 18.

This is going to be a very expensive Christmas for Germans, but, on the whole, a brighter one than they have had for many years. "Santa Dawes" has undoubtedly a great deal to do with this, and the stabilised currency still more so, for this year people have been able to save money with the confident knowledge that it would not have lost most of its value by Christmas, as was the case in the bad inflation years.

The result is that the shopping centres of Berlin have during the past week been crowded daily with eager buyers, undeterred by the high prices demanded for everything—from foodstuffs to children's toys. Street hawkers have also done a good trade, especially in mechanical toys, while Christmas trees have been sold in large numbers.

Most of the large hotels are arranging special festivities for Christmas Eve, for which the tickets have all been sold in advance. It is noteworthy that jewellers and furriers are doing a good business, plenty of people apparently having a great deal of money to spend. On the other hand, there is still a lot of poverty and misery in Berlin, and thousands of people would have a miserable Christmas were it not for the assistance given by charitable organisations, such as the Salvation Army, which is this year looking after the needs of poor children by supplying them with a good Christmas dinner.—(Reuter.)

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

CHRISTMAS EVE SHOPPING.

THE crown of the shopping season, the climax the night that sums up all the pleasures and all the pains of the last few weeks, and then multiplies them by anything you like to mention, is the night before Christmas. I do not count that afternoon as the real thing. It is a jolly time, a smiling, bustling time, when everybody is going to mark off the very last item on the long list, and meets everybody else full of the same high resolve, and they get into chat, and anyhow the last few things can easily be picked up after they've had some tea. But those few will bud and burgeon and expand into a supplemental list that will take all night to get through, my dear, and I wish to goodness I'd been sensible like the Clancy's and started a month ago.

We do not really mean that, of course. To begin early in December is a practice encouraged by the shopkeepers and favourable to a calm, thoughtful and judicious selection of gifts far more likely to please than the results of our scrambling, haphazard, hit-or-miss raids on Christmas Eve. But this taking of time by the forelock is an over-rated hobby, after all.

Even our virtuous complacency in the thought of all the carefully-chosen presents posted, and probably delivered by now, may be ruffled when we meet our cousin Bridget in town, and she displays with disgust his latest present, a copy of that brilliant novel, "The Purple Camisole," the second this week, so she says—but the third if she only knew—for our hard-earned seven-and-sixpence worth must even now be awaiting her at home. That kind of thing would not happen if we had stuck to our good old fashion of an eleventh-hour purchase, a tram to her remote suburb, a bang on the door and a thump in the hall, and so home, marvelling at our own good nature.

You cannot work the genuine Christmassy feeling into such cold-blooded forethought as early shopping implies—thus we console ourselves as we dash frantically from counter to counter, accumulating gifts that have long since ceased to bear any relation either to our desires or our finances. And even when you have done the business beforehand as perfectly as poor human nature permits there is always a chance of a reminder from friends remembered not—some fool that never thought of you before—coming along with a present at the last moment to send you off on the long trail once more.

In any case, there is sure to be a card or two left over. The human being does not exist who ever sent all the cards he feels he should have sent. The obvious resource is to send none, but that is the conduct of a curmudgeon, and unfit for notice here. The worst part of cards is the literature they contain; if I had my way "A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year" would be the beginning and end of it. Some people will be sure to say: "Do not worry, nobody reads the verses on cards." They are wrong. All women read them, and, what is more, often read them aloud. Some of us have seen and, perhaps, been invited to join, in the dull days after Christmas, "a party in a parlour," engaged in the uproariously exciting pastime of "looking at the cards." We need not be too pedantically exacting in our requirements, but a glance at the verse will often save us from a bloomer. To wish a lonely, severe and rheumatic maiden aunt—

Dance and mirth and jollity
Round the laden Christmas tree;
Eyes alight and hearts aglow:
Kisses 'neath the mistletoe—

is cruel, if not actually insulting. Nor is the verse—

Though rolling seas our paths divide,
We think of you this Christmastide—

the most appropriate one for a next-door neighbour. But I pity you if you leave all your cards to Christmas Eve. To occupy a precarious position in the third row of a seething mob, one arm full of parcels, and the task of selection dependent on a succession of lucky dips, blind explorings under armpits or apologetic overhead swoops, hopeful anglings in whatever tray comes nearest.

To open the card with the hand that holds it (not the easiest of tricks at any time) and then, shutting our eyes to such incidentals of this last night as finger marks, slipped ribbons and bent edges, to calmly determine, (or calmly to determine, if you insist) who is going to have which. These are not the circumstances that ensure the choosing of the right card for the right person—by a man, at least. I have seen women get very successful results out of Christmas Eve shopping—but then they are always in the front row. FRAZER HEARNE.

MISTLETOE, WATTLE BLOSSOM AND ANOTHER THING.

UPSTAIRS in the room which was once the merriest nursery—and that is saying a good deal—in County Cork, a man sat alone beside a wooden box—a wooden box which held nothing more valuable than two faded dried sprays of what once had been Irish mistletoe, and Australian wattle-blossom, and an old Dutch doll.

The cheery clink of billiard balls came to him as he sat in that room, from the billiard table below, but for once the sound failed to allure one of the finest players in Sydney.

"Upstairs in the old room, which we think must have been your nursery, you will find a box which we have left undisturbed since we bought this place from you," so his hostess had told him an hour or so previously. "We think," she had added, "that you will find nothing therein but some dried twigs and blossoms, and another thing—an old Dutch doll. But you may like to look for yourself."

"Another thing—an old Dutch doll!" The man held close in his hand the faded mistletoe and wattle blossom, but his eyes were on those of the doll.

Downstairs one of the prettiest girls in Ireland, whose sonsie glance was a prize to be coveted, would have been surprised could she have seen the real love-light in the gaze of the man as he looked—after fifteen years—on the dearly beloved of that once so merry nursery.

All the time since he had been a welcome guest in his old home he had walked—although the living knew it not—with ghosts. Now for the first moment he was with the really living. And she a Dutch doll!

Oh, no, there was no doubt as to that! He would never have reassured her that she was of supreme importance to him and far removed from just "another thing," if this had not been so.

"Away in the Bush, old dollie, I have seen you in this dear nursery, just as if we were all kiddies again. Lord, how we strung you up—little brutes that we were, we boys. And how your faithful wooden heart—so unlike the sprinkling sawdust hearts—refused to be broken. In the end it was the pluck of you that conquered us all. Was that why she placed my tuft of wattle blossom with the mistletoe?—she and I always liked the wild growths best. She always said also that nothing would make you less than wood, strong wood, wood to last."

"Ah, well, I will make tracks back to where the wattle blossom grows thick to the veranda, and you shall go with me. You and—he laughed a trifle grimly—"the dried twigs."

"Out there in the Bush the chaps won't wonder over much to see the things I bring back from the old country.

"They will smile, maybe, but ten to one they'll look away toward Sydney Harbour with a glance in their eyes we each know.

"Anyway, you will be a bit of Ireland in Australia for more than one of us.

"Mistletoe, wattle blossom, and—another thing, dear old doll." D.H.

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS.

TO spend Christmas in the country has become fashionable. More and more do people forsake the streets, which look so gay for weeks before, but so desolate on the great day itself, and seek out their friends who have farms and country houses, where Christmas is kept in right merry fashion. Supposing you are lucky enough to have these convenient friends your Christmastide should be delightful.

First of all, we hope that it is snowing before you leave, although town snow is ineffectual and soon becomes indescribably depressing. Out in the country, when you reach your wayside station, the snow will be all the whiter in contrast. The air has that fine strong smell of drenched trees and wet earth. The road leads through woods and white fields, and the farmhouses show an occasional yellow window through the twilight. Then you see the long, low house at the top of the hill, its windows orange squares of light, with rows and rows of little snow-powdered fir trees in the window boxes.

Candle-light and a fire on the hearth, tea and pleasant people in country clothes, children and innumerable dogs—that is the comforting impression you receive when you come down for tea. In the evening everyone starts for the village hall for this is Christmas Eve, and a Tree is being given to the school children. It is a great towering Tree, laden with lanterns and tinsel and presents for everyone. Outside, over the edge of a white world comes the moon, silver as the tinsel on the Tree, shedding the light of peace and goodwill on the carol singers singing lustily into the frosty night.

Next morning there is the bustle of opening parcels—tissue paper, red ribbons and excitement. Then there is the quiet walk to church, decked with holly and filled with simple folk singing the praises of the little Child. Follows a day of which one remembers only a riot of games and laughter, mistletoe and plum puddings, crackers and big turkeys, and dancing. At midnight, when the big grandfather clock has boomed the witching hour, some one at the piano begins to sing old ballads; little, half-forgotten fragments of our youth, quaint things that make our eyes glisten and makes us realise the spell of the wonderous little Child who came amongst us and who wakes in all of us, old and young, the spirit of little children, thankful, joyous.

Then everyone takes a candle from the table and the "Merry Christmases" of the day, still echoing up and down the old stairs, sound very happy and very tired. Soon it is quiet, only the fall of gentle snow is heard, and we wake to find that another Christmas has sped on its way.

"ELIZABETH KENT."

MR. MacCALLUM SCOTT'S POLITICS.

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB'S ACTION.

The following correspondence has taken place between the Secretary of the National Liberal Club and Mr. A. MacCallum Scott, who recently intimated his intention of joining the Labour Party:—

National Liberal Club,
December 18th, 1924.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed to send you the following resolution passed by the General Committee on the 3rd inst.:—

"That in the opinion of the General Committee it is inconsistent with membership of the Club that members should be in active opposition to the Liberal Party, and such members should be called upon for an explanation of their position."

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN HENDERSON, Secretary.

Mr. MacCALLUM SCOTT'S REPLY.

81 Albert Bridge road, S.W.11,
December 22nd, 1924.

DEAR MR. HENDERSON,—I have been considering whether I ought to leave the National Liberal Club on joining the Labour Party. It is true that there are many members of the Labour Party in the Club, and that some years ago, when it was proposed to take action against a member of the Club who had stood as a Labour candidate against a Liberal at a by-election, the Committee decided by a large majority to take no action. The situation, however, has been somewhat changed by Mr. Asquith's recent declaration, that the Labour Party is to be regarded as "the common foe" of Liberals and Conservatives, and by the decision to run Liberal candidates wholesale against Labour candidates at the next election. The issue of this resolution to me, I take to be an intimation of the decision of the Committee to transform the National Liberal Club into a National Anti-Labour Club in accordance with Mr. Asquith's policy. I am very reluctant to leave the Club of which I have been so long a member, but for those who intend to take an active part in helping to secure the return of an effective Labour majority at the next election, I feel that the Club will be less pleasant in the future than it has been in the past. I, therefore, do not propose to continue my membership after the end of the current year.

Yours faithfully,
A. MACCALLUM SCOTT.

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

At the annual general meeting of the members of the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Mr. James W. Drury, M.A., presiding, on the motion of Sir John Irwin, seconded by Major Whewell, it was unanimously resolved that the following Governors of the Academy, who retire by rotation, be re-elected:—Mr. R. De Vereau, K.C.; Mr. A. Williams, R.H.A.; Mr. Dermod O'Brien, Pres.,R.H.A., D.L.; Mr. Edward Lupton, K.C.

RECENT WILLS.

Viscount Long of Wraxall left unsettled property of the gross value of £103,990, with net personalty £7,371. He directed that his funeral should be at Rood Ashton and as simple as possible. He thanked his wife "for her untiring goodness and kindness to me," and records his gratitude to his children "for all they have been to me." He requested his wife to give keepsakes to old friends, "including my servants, all of whom have been such good friends to me," and directed that all his Parliamentary and State papers should be dealt with by his trustees as they in their absolute discretion should think fit. "I do this, feeling confident that I can rely implicitly on the discretion of each one of them as to the use to be made of such papers; and that in case, in their discretion, they allow access to such papers to any third person with a view to publication or otherwise, they will take all necessary steps to ensure that no use is made of them which is calculated to prove offensive or injurious to any living individual whose name may appear in them."

Admiral Sir Percy Scott, of South Audley street, London, W., for many years the leading authority on naval gunnery, left estate of the gross value of £129,671, and net £123,090. He expressed the hope that his executors would act as guardians of his children until they are twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, "and endeavour to keep their heads straight."

Mr. George H. Leigh Mallory, of The Holt, Frith Hall, Godalming, Surrey, formerly a master at Charterhouse, who was lost in an attempt to climb Mount Everest, left £1,706.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Henry Patrick Doran, retired Queen's Own West Kent Regiment, of Lurganbrae, Fermanagh, who died on April 9th last, left personal estate in Northern Ireland and England, valued at £6,785. The testator left £25 each to the Incumbent of Aghavea, Colebrooke and Cooneen Parishes, and the Methodist Minister of Brooksboro', for distribution among the deserving Protestant poor of the parishes and circuit.

Miss Delia McGuinness, 114 Phibsborough road, Dublin, who died on November 7th last, left estate valued at £20,381 10s. 3d.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., of 54 Onslow square, S.W., and of 9 Victoria street, S., civil engineer, of Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson, and Mitchell, for eleven years chief engineer to the London County Council, and prior to that chief engineer to the Egyptian Government during the building of the Assouan Dam, a former President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, who died on November 17th last, aged 63 years, left estate of the gross value of £94,216, with net personalty £91,409. The testator left £100 to the Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and £100 to the Pension Fund of the Royal Society, Burlington House.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Colquhoun Grant, formerly of the 74th Highland Light Infantry, of Alexandria, Egypt, Commandant of Police at Alexandria, who died on March 27 last, left estate in England valued at £1,390. Probate of his will has been granted to the Public Trustee.

Brigadier-General Thomas Evelyn O'Leary, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., formerly of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, of West End, Haslemere, Surrey, who saw service on the North-West Frontier of India, in South Africa, and in the late war, who died on September 15 last, aged 62 years, second son of Surgeon-General Thomas C. O'Leary, left estate valued for probate at £1,080 gross, with net personalty £4 6s. 3d.

Mr. John Devlin, of High street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, publican, for many years an active worker in Roman Catholic and Nationalist interests in Tyrone, who died on June 26 last, left personal estate in Northern Ireland and Great Britain valued at £4,603.

BUNNY HUG STILL BANNED IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Monday.

Cardinal Begin, the Archbishop, has issued a pastoral letter which was read in all the Roman Catholic Churches of the city yesterday, declaring that his edict, published a year ago banning all "lascivious" dances, such as the "Bunny Hug" and the "Cheek-to-Cheek" steps will remain in force in all its rigour during the coming year. His Eminence says that the people in general submitted to the rule.—(Reuter.)

THE COOMBE HOSPITAL.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Guardians and Directors of the Coombe Hospital was held in the Boardroom on the 17th inst. Present:—Alderman James Hubbard Clark, High Sheriff (in the chair); Rev. Thomas Haskins Seale, M.A.; General Gerrard, C.B., C.M.G.; Sir William J. Thompson, M.D.; the Very Rev. Patrick Hayden, P.P.; Captain William Lombard Murphy, M.D.; James Robinson, M.A.; Louis A. Cassidy, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.; Master Hugh Kennedy.

Correspondence of a varied nature was considered, and rulings made thereon. The Master made his monthly report in which he alluded to the termination of the period of office of Dr. T. M. Healy as Assistant Master, and he desired to express his regret and to wish Dr. Healy much prosperity in the future. The Board endorsed everything that had been said regarding the excellent services of Dr. Healy to the Hospital, and it was resolved, on the motion of the Chairman (Alderman J. Hubbard Clark), seconded by Sir William J. Thompson, M.D.:—"That the Board having heard of the termination of the period of office of Doctor Timothy M. Healy, desire to place on record their unanimous approval of the manner in which he has carried on his duties whilst acting for the past three years as Assistant to the Master, and hereby tender to Dr. Healy their earnest good wishes for his future career."

Routine business having been transacted, the Board adjourned.

To the following kind friends of the Hospital the Guardians and Directors would express their grateful thanks for their continued support and sympathy, and trust that the charitable public may continue to aid them in their efforts to assuage suffering amongst the poor of the city, and particularly in the greatly populated district in which the Hospital is situated:—

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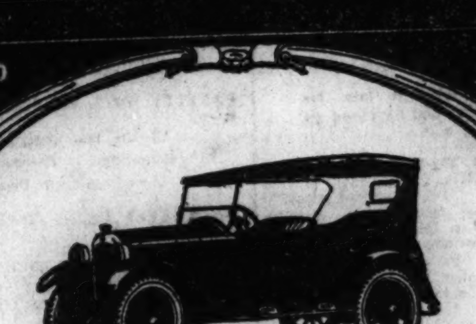

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ENGL[AND'S] UPHILL...

FOURTH DA[Y] ... MAT[CH]

AUSTRALIA 4...

DUST STORM CAUS... SYD...

Although to-day's p... was marked throughou... ness it occasionally sag... doubt, the sultry weath... partly responsible for ... was very oppressive, ... spectators took their ... gain some relief from ... fieldsmen squatted on ... ing for the incoming ... the English captain, ... self with his panama h...

At twenty minutes ... there was a sudden cha... windstorm of tremend... swept over the groun... cloud of dust and gat... all the rubbish and li... It passed just as sudd... and when the storm ... ground presented a r... covered with papers an... colours and descriptio... watched the storm fr... and were amazed ... spectacle, which recall... of Mr. Stoddart's side ...

The attendance to-d... about 12,000, and the ... days easily established... Test match.

As a result of to-day... further strengthened t... the drawing of stumps ... with five wickets of th... intact. Gilligan kept ... and declares that he h... than he did to-day. ... Englishmen was excell...

The Australian team ... silver cigar case as a ... day, and the English ... each member of the A... silver pencil case. ... causing him trouble, bu... will soon be all right a... treatment he is recei... considerably handicapp... nail.

The wicket was in g... weather very warm w... initiated the attack a... son (30) and C. Kelle... was in vigorous mood, ... Kelleway opened his ac... to the cover boundary ... latter gave way to Hea...

An exciting little in... Richardson was 47. He ... and began to run, b... move. Gilligan fielded ... faulty return to Stru... Richardson to scramble ... the nick of time. Ri... complete his 50 in an ... and the century was ho... had occupied altogeth... minutes.

At 103 Gilligan took ... and in the English cap... wick appealed against ... stood at 20 for a catc... Jones, the umpire, neg... appeared to be trouble... hardly bowling with th... and his overnight figu... quickly transformed int...

Freeman displaced H... the century had been s... success came from the ... Gilligan clean-bowled K... ball at 115. In a stolid ... an hour and a quarter, ... 23, including two bou... analysis at this point wa... total at 69, Richardson w... who was welcomed by ... from the crowd. Richard... with the same freedom ... he occasionally brought ... on both sides of the w... fieldsmen were very kee... rate of scoring slowed d... ball from his captain at... later Chapman relieved ... time, however, the same ... still together, Richard... Collins 2, the total st... wickets.

Woolley and Tate b... during the interval, th... his knee massaged and ... nail dressed. The doc... have the nail removed, e... him it was an affection ... ing, which reappears an... bowler had his toe wrap... cotton wool.

Gilligan and Hearne ... before an attendance of ... proceeded steadily, thou... century Richardson bec... Collins had settled dow... helped the total along ... drives. Every run, h... fought for, as the Engl... nothing away. Tate reli... but from his limp when... obvious the Sussex man ... pain. He did not last lo... Freeman then taking the...

The Kent player had ... with his googlies, and ... Australian was 98 Freem... appeal for l.b.w., which ... the umpire, Jones. F... ball, however, Richardso... and bowled, and thus by ... of two runs he failed to ... his first Test Match. ... fortunate for him, as he ... and excellent cricket for ... minutes. He hit nine bo...

At half-past three o'c... to grow dark and a thu... imminent. Ponsford join... though he failed to in... scoring, he made some a... gathered runs fast ... tha... playing painstaking crick...

The second century wa... innings w... hour old, ... by Woolley in the slip... Victorian for 27. The K... the ball and grasp... falling.

Collins, with his total ... partnered by Victor Rich... had added to his sco... skipper was missed by W... Hearne being the unlucky ... fied with this escape, h... his reputation for luck by ... being run out at the bow... did most of the scoring, ... playing the bowling easi... in difficulties.

Chapman relieved He... Middlesex man having h... unchanged since lunch. ... teams adjourned for tea, ... Richardson 18, and the ... wickets.

Gilligan and Tate bowle... the latter's first delivery ... was taken by Hendren in ... then being 241. With ... Australian captain comple... in just over two hours and ...

When the score was 257 ... storm swept over the gro... players to the pavilion ... Play was resumed at half-p... the Englishmen wearing s... them from the chilly wind... such force across the pitch ... removed the bails. Mo... which was blowing about ... uncomfortable for both bats... and after the addition of ... play was abandoned for t... score at 258 for five wick... not out 58. Score:—

AUSTRALI[A] FIRST INNIN[GS]

W. Bardsley c Woolley b F...
H. L. Collins c Hendren b T...
W. H. Ponsford b Gilligan ...
A. Richardson b Hearne ...
J. M. Taylor c Strudwick b ...
V. Richardson b Freeman ...
C. Kelleway c Woolley b Tat...
H. L. Hendry c Strudwick b ...
J. M. Gregory c Strudwick b ...
W. A. Oldfield not out ...
A. A. Mailey b Tate ...
Extras ...

Total ...

FALL OF WICK[ETS]

1 for 46, 2 for 236, 3 for ... 364, 6 for 374, 7 for 387, 8 f... 10 for 450.

SECOND INNIN[GS]

W. Bardsley b Tate ...
A. Richardson c and b Freem...
C. Kelleway b Gilligan ...
H. L. Collins not out ...
W. H. Ponsford c Woolley b ...
V. Richardson c Hendren b T...

ENGLAND'S UPHILL TASK.

FOURTH DAY OF TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIA 410 RUNS ON.

DUST STORM CAUSES EARLY CLOSE.

SYDNEY, December 23.

Although to-day's play in the Test match was marked throughout by the utmost keenness it occasionally sagged into dullness. No doubt, the sultry weather which prevailed was partly responsible for this. The atmosphere was very oppressive, and thousands of the spectators took their coats off to try to gain some relief from the intense heat. The fieldsmen squatted on the ground while waiting for the incoming batsmen, and Gilligan, the English captain, continually fanned himself with his panama hat.

At twenty minutes to 5 o'clock, however, there was a sudden change. A cool southerly windstorm of tremendous violence suddenly swept over the ground, bringing with it a cloud of dust and gathering up in its course all the rubbish and litter of the big crowd. It passed just as suddenly as it had started, and when the storm had spent itself the ground presented a remarkable sight, being covered with papers and food wrappings of all colours and descriptions. The Englishmen watched the storm from their dressing-room and were amazed at the extraordinary spectacle, which recalled a similar experience of Mr. Stoddart's side at Melbourne in 1895.

The attendance to-day after tea numbered about 12,000, and the aggregate for the four days easily established a new record for a Test match.

As a result of to-day's play Australia have further strengthened their advantage, and at the drawing of stumps they were 410 runs on with five wickets of their second innings still intact. Gilligan kept an excellent length, and declares that he has never bowled better than he did to-day. The fielding of the Englishmen was excellent throughout.

The Australian team are giving Gilligan a silver cigar case as a souvenir of his birthday, and the English captain is presenting each member of the Australian team with a silver pencil case. Woolley's knee is still causing him trouble, but he is hopeful that it will soon be all right again under the medical treatment he is receiving. Tate was also considerably handicapped by his injured toenail.

The wicket was in good condition and the weather very warm when Tate and Gilligan initiated the attack against Arthur Richardson (30) and C. Kelleway (9). Richardson was in vigorous mood, and collected 14 before Kelleway opened his account with a fine drive to the cover boundary off Gilligan. The latter gave way to Hearne at 81.

An exciting little incident occurred when Richardson was 47. He drove Tate to the off, and began to run, but Kelleway did not move. Gilligan fielded the ball and made a faulty return to Strudwick, thus enabling Richardson to scramble back to his crease in the nick of time. Richardson went on to complete his 50 in an hour and two minutes, and the century was hoisted when the innings had occupied altogether an hour and 18 minutes.

At 103 Gilligan took the ball from Tate, and in the English captain's first over Strudwick appealed against Kelleway, whose score stood at 20 for a catch at the wicket, but Jones, the umpire, negatived it. Tate, who appeared to be troubled with his toe, was hardly bowling with the same sting as usual, and his overnight figures of 1 for 16 were quickly transformed into 1 for 39.

Freeman displaced Hearne directly after the century had been signalled, but the first success came from the opposite end, where Gilligan clean-bowled Kelleway with a good ball at 115. In a stolid display, lasting over an hour and a quarter, Kelleway scored only 23, including two boundaries. Gilligan's analysis at this point was 1 for 34. With his total at 69, Richardson was joined by Collins, who was welcomed by three hearty cheers from the crowd. Richardson was not batting with the same freedom as at the start, but he occasionally brought off some good drives on both sides of the wicket. The English fieldsmen were very keen and alert, and the rate of scoring slowed down. Tate took the ball from his captain at 123, and nine runs later Chapman relieved Freeman. At lunch time, however, the same pair of batsmen were still together, Richardson being 82 and Collins 2, the total standing at 132 for 2 wickets.

Woolley and Tate both saw the doctor during the interval, the Kent man having his knee massaged and Tate having his toe nail dressed. The doctor advised Tate to have the nail removed, especially as Tate told him it was an affection of some years' standing, which reappears annually. The Sussex bowler had his toe wrapped in a cushion of cotton wool.

Gilligan and Hearne re-opened the game before an attendance of about 10,000. Scoring proceeded steadily, though as he neared his century Richardson became very cautious. Collins had settled down comfortably and helped the total along with some fine on-drives. Every run, however, had to be fought for, as the Englishmen were giving nothing away. Tate relieved Gilligan at 158, but from his limp when he bowled it was obvious the Sussex man was in considerable pain. He did not last longer than one over, Freeman then taking the ball from him.

The Kent player had Richardson guessing with his googlies, and when the South Australian was 98 Freeman made a confident appeal for l.b.w., which was negatived by the umpire, Jones. From the succeeding ball, however, Richardson was neatly caught and bowled, and thus by the narrow margin of two runs he failed to record a century in his first Test Match. It was most unfortunate for him, as he had played sound and excellent cricket for two hours and 50 minutes. He hit nine boundaries.

At half-past three o'clock the sky began to grow dark and a thunderstorm appeared imminent. Ponsford joined his captain, and, though he failed to increase the rate of scoring, he made some attractive shots. He gathered runs faster than Collins, who was playing painstaking cricket.

The second century was hoisted when the innings was just over three and a quarter hours old, but ten runs later a brilliant catch by Woolley in the slips got rid of the young Victorian for 27. The Kent player dived at the ball and grasped it with one hand while falling.

Collins, with his total at 37, was next partnered by Victor Richardson. Before he had added to his score the Australian skipper was missed by Woolley in the slips, Hearne being the unlucky bowler. Not satisfied with this escape, he further enhanced his reputation for luck by narrowly escaping being run out at the bowler's end. Collins did most of the scoring, but Richardson was playing the bowling easily, and was rarely in difficulties.

Chapman relieved Hearne at 233, the Middlesex man having bowled fifteen overs unchanged since lunch. Four runs later the teams adjourned for tea, Collins being 46 and Richardson 18, and the total 237 for four wickets.

Gilligan and Tate bowled after tea, and off the latter's first delivery Victor Richardson was taken by Hendren in the slips, the total then being 241. With Hendry in, the Australian captain completed a typical fifty in just over two hours and a quarter.

When the score was 257 for five the wind storm swept over the ground and drove the players to the pavilion for fifty minutes. Play was resumed at half-past five o'clock, all the Englishmen wearing sweaters to protect them from the chilly wind, which blew with such force across the pitch that it continually removed the bails. Moreover, the paper which was blowing about made things very uncomfortable for both batsmen and fieldsmen, and after the addition of a single by Collins play was abandoned for the day, with the score at 258 for five wickets, Collins being not out 58. Score:—

AUSTRALIA.
FIRST INNINGS.

W. Bardsley c Woolley b Freeman	21
H. L. Collins c Hendren b Tate	114
W. H. Ponsford b Gilligan	110
A. Richardson b Hearne	22
J. M. Taylor c Strudwick b Tate	43
V. Richardson b Freeman	42
C. Kelleway c Woolley b Tate	17
H. L. Hendry c Strudwick b Tate	3
J. M. Gregory c Strudwick b Tate	0
W. A. Oldfield not out	39
A. A. Mailey b Tate	21
Extras	18
Total	450

FALL OF WICKETS.
1 for 46, 2 for 236, 3 for 275, 4 for 286, 5 364, 6 for 374, 7 for 387, 8 for 387, 9 for 388, 10 for 450.

SECOND INNINGS.

W. Bardsley b Tate	22
A. Richardson c and b Freeman	98
C. Kelleway b Gilligan	23
H. L. Collins not out	58
W. H. Ponsford c Woolley b Freeman	27
V. Richardson c Hendren b Tate	18
H. L. Hendry not out	6
Extras	6
Total (5 wkts.)	258

FALL OF WICKETS.
1 for 40, 2 for 115, 3 for 168, 4 for 210, 5 for 241.

ENGLAND.
FIRST INNINGS.

Hobbs c Kelleway b Gregory	115
Sutcliffe c Richardson b Mailey	59
Hearne c Sub (Andrews) b Mailey	7
Woolley b Gregory	0
Hendren not out	74
Sandham b Mailey	7
A. P. F. Chapman run out	13
Tate c Sub (Andrews) b Mailey	7
A. E. R. Gilligan b Gregory	1
Freeman b Gregory	0
Strudwick l.b.w. b Gregory	6
Extras	9
Total	298

FALL OF WICKETS.
1 for 157, 2 for 171, 3 for 172, 4 for 202, 5 for 235, 6 for 254, 7 for 272, 8 for 274, 9 for 274, 10 for 298.

BOWLING ANALYSIS
AUSTRALIA—FIRST INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	55	11	130	6
Gilligan	23	0	92	1
Freeman	49	11	124	2
Hearne	12	3	28	1
Woolley	9	0	35	0
Hobbs	2	0	13	0
Chapman	2	0	10	0

ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gregory	28	2	111	5
Kelleway	14	3	44	0
Mailey	31	3	129	4
Hendry	5	1	5	0
Richardson	1	1	0	0

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

Australia's team for the second Test Match, beginning at Melbourne on New Year's Day, will not be chosen until December 31. All the members of the present team, with the twelfth man, Andrews, have been notified that their presence will be required at Melbourne.

SOUTH AFRICA V. MR. JOEL'S XI.

JOHANNESBURG, December 23.

The first of the five unofficial Test matches against South Africa, arranged for the tour of Mr. Joel's team of English cricketers, began here to-day in fine weather, and before a moderate attendance. The wicket was fast, and Tennyson, having won the toss, elected to bat first, but the side fared badly against the bowling of Nupen and Hall, backed by some very keen fielding, and the innings closed for 198. Before the close of play, which was caused by heavy rain, the South Africans had lost two wickets for 54. Score:—

MR. JOEL'S XI.—First Innings.

J. C. W. McBryan c Susskind b Billing	6
Bowley l.b.w. b Nupen	57
Tyldesley c Nourse b Hall	14
Russell l.b.w. b Nupen	34
Hon. L. H. Tennyson b Nupen	57
Kennedy run out	6
Geary run out	1
T. O. Jameson b Hall	1
Parker not out	1
E. L. D. Bartley b Nupen	0
C. S. Marriott b Nupen	0
Extras	21
Total	198

SOUTH AFRICA—First Innings.

H. W. Taylor c Bowley b Kennedy	3
M. J. Susskind not out	35
V. Ling c Bowley b Parker	10
Extras	6
Total (2 wkts.)	54

Bowling:—Mr. Joel's XI.—First Innings—Billing, 1 for 32; Hall, 2 for 39; Nupen, 5 for 54; Conyngham, 0 for 35; Ling, 0 for 17.

GOLF.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

DECEMBER 26.

Portmarnock—Stroke competition.
Milltown—Foursomes, bogey.
Hermitage—Fourballs, bogey. Ladies—Bogey (nine holes).
Woodbrook—Stroke competition, bogey.
Castle.—Morning—Fourball, bogey. Ladies—Nine hole stroke competition (first nine). Afternoon—Mixed foursomes (second nine).
Sutton.—Morning—Stroke competition. Afternoon—Mixed foursomes (9 holes), strokes.
Curragh—Mixed foursomes, strokes.
Foxrock—Foxrock Cup.
Rathfarnham.—Morning — Sweepstakes, strokes. Afternoon—Mixed foursomes, bogey.
Grange.—Morning—Stroke competition. Afternoon—Fourball.
Skerries—Stroke competition.
Howth—Fourball sweepstakes.
Athlone—Skepton Cup. Ladies—Stroke competition (nine holes).
Robin Hood—Stroke competition. Ladies' competition (nine holes).

BRAY CLUB.

The twenty-seventh annual general meeting of the Bray Golf Club was held in the clubhouse on 20th inst. Dr. H. Raverty, the outgoing captain presided, and a large number of members attended.

The report and statement of accounts, which showed that the past year had been the most successful in the history of the club, were adopted. Mr. F. A. Kennedy was unanimously chosen as captain for 1925, and the following were elected to fill three vacancies on the Council:—Dr. H. Raverty, J. Brett and W. C. Meeke. Lord and Lady Ardee, T. H. R. Craig, Rev. J. L. Morrow, the Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer of the Golfing Union were unanimously elected hon. members for the coming year.

The Chairman announced, amidst much applause, that, in response to the general desire of the members, Mr. R. G. Warren had consented to fill the vacancy in the office of President of the club, and that he and Mr. J. E. M'Cormick would fill the vacancies in the office of trustees. The motions being put to the meeting were carried with acclamation. Mr. Warren then took the chair, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the hon. auditors, the captain and the secretary.

On the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Warren proceeded to the first tee and duly played himself in as President of the club, and was presented with a silver stand consisting of a cup, supported by four cleeks to hold the ball used for the purpose.

The annual general meeting of the ladies' club was held in the clubhouse on the 8th inst. The hon. secretary's report and statement of accounts showed that the club had a very successful year, and that a great number of competitors for valuable prizes had taken place. Mrs. S. Porter was unanimously elected captain for the coming year, and after a ballot the following ladies were elected on the committee:—Mrs. Graham, Miss M'Cormick, Miss John, Mrs. Parminster and Mrs. Price. Miss Hall was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary. The meeting concluded with cordial votes of thanks to the outgoing captain (Mrs. Graham), to Miss Hall (the hon. secretary), and to the chairman of the meeting (Dr. Price).

RATHFARNHAM.—Friday morning—Sweepstakes, 18 holes, strokes; afternoon—club mixed foursomes, 18 holes, bogey. Saturday—Monthly medal, 18 holes, bogey.

GRANGE.—St. Stephen's Day, morning—Strokes; afternoon—fourball.

CASTLE.—The Club House will be closed on Christmas Day.

FOXROCK.—St. Stephen's Day—Foxrock Perpetual Challenge Cup. Arrange own opponents.

KILLINEY.—Medal. Class I.—T. H. Dyer (9), 83. Class II.—P. Cheetham (20), 81. Christmas Day, Club House closes at 3 p.m.

SKERRIES.—St. Stephen's Day—Stroke competition. Saturday—Sweepstakes.

HERMITAGE.—December 26th—Men's fourball foursomes, 18 holes v. bogey. Ladies' singles, 9 holes v. bogey.

HOWTH.—St. Stephen's Day—Fourball sweepstakes, 18 holes v. bogey; choose partners. Draws, 10.15 and 11.15.

DELGANY.—The Club House will be closed on Christmas Day.

ATHLONE.—St. Stephen's Day—Skepton Cup, draw, 10 a.m. Ladies' 9 hole stroke competition.

PORTMARNOCK.—St. Stephen's Day—18 hole stroke competition. Entry at Club House. Trains to Sutton at 9.30, 10.35, 1.0, returning at 4.4, 5.34, 7.5 to Amiens street.

MOTOR CYCLING.

D. AND D. WINTER TRIAL.

Following the customary practice of recent years, the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club will hold an open reliability trial on St. Stephen's Day. The trial will start from Donnybrook at 10.30 a.m., and will end at Enniskerry, where it is intended to have a social evening. The greater part of the course lies in the southern part of County Wicklow, the most southerly point the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, on the Calary road, the ascent to this point for the Glen of the Downs being one of the three observed hills, Annacrivy and the "Waterfall of Bricks" hill being the others. The chief award is a five guinea cup, presented by the Triumph Cycle Company, Ltd., while the Waters Cup is offered for the best performance by a novice.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

WATERHOUSE-BYRNE SHIELD.

The Donore Harriers will bring to issue on St. Stephen's Day the twenty-fourth annual race for the Waterhouse-Byrne Shield, which is now by a long way the oldest trophy offered in connection with Irish athletics. A return will be made to the historic course at Meadowbrook, Dundrum, a venue that has on many occasions been the scene of the race, and, as usual, the event will be run over a distance of ten miles. A capital entry has been received, and, with favourable weather, it should produce one of the most interesting contests of the season. The start is fixed for 12.30 o'clock.

LAWN TENNIS.

DEATH OF C. J. ALLEN.

The death occurred at Cheltenham on Sunday, at the age of 56, of Mr. Charles Gladstone Allen, who, with his twin brother, Mr. Edward Roy Allen, won international fame in the lawn tennis world in the last decade of the nineteenth century. The famous twins were well known figures in tournaments about the period 1888 to 1912, and won innumerable trophies, including no fewer than thirty-one challenge cups, all of which were competed for three or more successive years.

PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF FRANCE.

CANNES, Tuesday.

The following are the results of the second round of the Professional Tennis Championship of France, which was played here to-day:—Rendall (Cannes) beat Halcett (Biarritz)—6-1, 6-4, 6-3; Najouck (Genoa) beat E. E. Burke (Cannes)—4-6, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; A. Burke (Cannes) beat Cindicci (Aix-les-Bains)—6-3, 6-0, 6-3; Page (Mentone) beat Dentisthorpe (London)—6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

There is nothing in the way of the abnormal, the unaccustomed, and the strange which the modern mind will not swallow except Lourdes.—Mr. Hilaire Belloc.

RUGBY.

INSTONIANS' VISIT TO DUBLIN.

Instonians are due to play Lansdowne at Lansdowne road on Friday at 2.30, and on the following day University College will be encountered at Terenure.

The following players will travel:—D. R. Murray; A. C. Douglas, J. A. Hall, W. H. Hall, R. G. McClenaghan; F. S. Hewitt, T. Hewitt; J. C. McDowell, J. Copeland, W. G. Dick, G. Halliday, J. G. Kernahan, J. M. McDowell, J. Neill, T. Ward, G. B. Goldsborough.

Lansdowne will be represented by the following:—W. E. Crawford; T. V. Harris, E. Guise Browne, R. E. McGuire, J. K. Murray; M. V. Delap, D. T. McWeeney; W. Browne, J. McEnery, A. H. Pike, T. O. Pike, R. B. Pike, J. S. Pettigrew, Ian Stuart, P. J. Whitty.

The following have been selected to represent University College 1st v. Instonians on Saturday, December 27th, at Terenure:—J. M. O'Sullivan; J. Silke, G. P. S. Hogan, T. V. Davy, E. T. McCowan; E. Davy, P. W. McGowan; M. Brennan, J. Cullen, M. Pigott, — Gleeson, E. Hanrahan, A. Culhane, N. Winters, A. N. Other.

LONDON V. NEW ZEALAND.
CHANGES IN THE LONDON XV.

Several changes have had to be made in the team selected to represent London against the New Zealanders on the Rectory Field, Blackheath, next Saturday. The players standing down are: A. T. Young, H. J. Kittermaster, W. W. Wakefield, and D. J. Macmyn. In the absence of Young, W. I. H. Strong (Oxford University) works the scrum, and A. L. Gracie moves from the three-quarter line to stand-off half, originally given to Kittermaster. V. G. Davies (Harlequins) fills the vacancy in the three-quarter line caused by Gracie's change of position. Forward, the places of Wakefield and Macmyn—the latter is picked for Scotland against The Rest at Inverleith on Saturday—are taken by H. P. Marshall (Harlequins) and J. H. P. Edmiston (Blackheath). The team will consequently take the field as follows:—R. L. Raymond (Blackheath and Oxford University); J. C. Gibbs (Harlequins), H. P. Jacob (Blackheath and Oxford University), V. G. Davies (Harlequins), R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Harlequins); A. L. Gracie (Harlequins), W. I. N. Strong (Oxford University); D. C. Cumming (Blackheath and Cambridge University), R. Cove-Smith (Old Merchant Taylors), R. J. Hillard (Old Paulines and Oxford University), R. G. Howell (Harlequins and Cambridge University), C. Marsden Jones (London Welsh), H. P. Marshall (Harlequins), H. L. Price (Harlequins), J. H. P. Edmiston (Blackheath).

A. L. Gracie will captain the side, and T. J. Bradburn (Lancashire) has been chosen as referee.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Palmerston Schoolboys v. Monkstown Schoolboys Milltown 3 p.m.

Palmerstown Schoolboys—P. Hussey; D. Waddell, A. Whiteside, P. Ewen, F. Connolly; G. Boucher, D. Chance; D. Harpur, H. Buchill, T. Murphy, F. Howard, D. Hussey, S. Halliday, T. Walsh, G. Davies.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

December 26—Lansdowne v. Instonians. Lansdowne road, 2.30.
December 26—Knock v. Monkstown, Belfast.
December 26—Enniscorthy v. Clontarf "A." Enniscorthy.
December 26—Co Carlow v. Wanderers II. Carlow.
December 27—Bective Rangers v. Lansdowne. Donnybrook.
December 27—Wanderers v. London Irish. Lansdowne road 2.30.
December 27—University College v. Instonians. Terenure.
December 27—N.I.F.C. v. Monkstown, Belfast.
December 27—Bohemians v. Garryowen. Cork.

REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES FOR 1924-5 SEASON.

1925.
January 1st—Ireland v. France. Paris.
January 3rd—England v. New Zealand. Twickenham.
January 24th—Scotland v. France. Edinburgh.
January 24th—Trial Match. Belfast.
January 31st—Trial Match. Dublin.
February 7th—Wales v. Scotland. Swansea.
February 14th—Ireland v. England. Twickenham.
February 28th—Ireland v. Scotland. Dublin.
February 28th—Wales v. France. Cardiff.
March 14th—Ireland v. Wales. Belfast.
March 21st—Scotland v. England. Edinburgh.
April 13th—France v. England. Paris.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.
THE SENIOR LEAGUE.

Last Saturday's Senior fixtures were not productive of any excitement, the hockey played not being of a very high standard. This, no doubt, was due to the wet, heavy state of the grounds.

At Ailesbury road Maids of the Mountain defeated Antiquity by 4 goals to nil. Both sides fielded subs, Miss Oliver and Mrs. Hall coming on instead of Misses Pigot and B. Wallis at half and right wing, respectively, for Maids, while Antiquity had Misses Riddle, Henry and Beckh on at centre-forward, left-wing and right-inside. Antiquity played a very keen game, and their forwards brought off some fine rushes, which, however, were effectively stopped by Misses O'Kelly (centre-half) and Tyndall (full-back). Miss Stoker in goal for Maids, got very little to do, but when the ball came her way she saved some likely shots. Miss Tyndall was the better full, her tackling and clearing being exceptionally good. In attack and defence, Miss E. O'Kelly (centre-half) was splendid, and on several occasions she looked very like scoring. Miss H. Wallis (right-inside), apart from netting two fine shots, played a remarkably strong game. She made several attempts to score, which were well stopped by Miss Kane (goal) or Miss Wilmot (full). Miss Steen (centre-forward) worked very well all through, and Miss D. McCann (left-inside) played a brilliant game, scoring a very good goal. Mrs. Hall (right-wing) was responsible for the remaining score. The Antiquity goal keeper, Miss Kane, played a very steady game, and saved several fast shots. The full-backs—Misses Wilmot and Miller—were both good, and time and again they stopped rushes by the Maids' forwards. Dr. O'Callaghan (left-half) was the pick of a good half-line. She is seen to much better advantage as a half than at right-wing, where she played in the early part of the season. Miss Middleton (right-wing) showed an amount of enterprise, and started some fine forward rushes. Misses Beckh (right-inside) and D. Alley (left-inside) were always sound.

At Milltown, Muckross beat Old College "B" by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1. Muckross were playing two subs, Miss Sheils taking Miss M. Kelly's place at right-inside, and Miss G. Boyle replacing Miss M. McGloughlin (left-half), who was playing in Miss K. Donovan's place on the left-wing. Old College played one short all through. The Muckross team did not reproduce the same form as earlier in the season. Miss K. Sheils (right-inside) scored from a scramble in the circle. In the second half, from a pass from the right wing, Miss Lowndes (centre-forward) netted a fine goal. The Old College B team combined splendidly, and the pick of the forwards was Miss J. Phillips (centre-forward), who shot a very well placed goal.

At Temple Hill, the meeting between High School and Old College "A" resulted in a scoreless draw. Old College, who fielded two subs—in goal and at inside-right—had the best of the play, but were unable to score. This was altogether due to the splendid defence of Miss Newell (left-half) and Miss Wadwell (full-back), and to the remarkable play of Miss Maxwell in goal for High School, whose saving was the feature of the match. The College forwards did not combine as well as usual, but Mrs. Pratt (centre) and Miss B. Porter (right-inside) showed up well. As the High School forwards rarely got to the College circle, the latter's defence was not greatly taxed.

OTHER RESULTS.

	Goals.		Goals.
Maids of the Mountain 2nd	3	Old College 3rd	2
Muckross 3rd	7	Optimists	0
Trefoil 1st	9	Monkstown 2nd	1
Civil Service	5	Newcomes	0
High School 2nd	3	Trefoil 2nd	1
Pembroke Wand.	2	Triginta	0

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

Quite an attractive programme has been arranged for the holidays, and in addition it is one which will provide a further opportunity of comparing Leinster and Ulster clubs. Chief interest will centre in the match between Holywood and Kingstown Grammar School in view of improved form shown by the school in recent matches, and as the proceeds are to be devoted to Monkstown Hospital it is expected that the attendance will be a record. Close by at Royal terrace, Monkstown will have South Antrim as visitors, which should produce another good match, and at Park avenue Railway Union II. will play Tullamore. Our visitors will stay over, and on Saturday Holywood play Railway Union, South Antrim Pembroke Wanderers and Tullamore Kingstown G.S. 2nd., making another good programme.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Kingstown G.S. v. Holywood. Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m. Umpires—Messrs. J. S. Jackson and J. W. F. Crawford.
Monkstown v. South Antrim. Royal terrace, 2.30 p.m. Umpire—Mr. G. Richardson.
Railway Union 2nd v. Tullamore. Park avenue, 2.30 p.m. Umpire—Mr. M. Bolger.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Railway Union v. Holywood. Park avenue, 2.30 p.m. Umpires—Messrs. W. F. McDonnell and C. Bruton.
Pembroke Wanderers v. South Antrim. Serpentine avenue, 2.30 p.m. Umpires—Messrs. T. Peat and M. Bolger.
Kingstown G.S. 2nd v. Tullamore. Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m. Umpire—Mr. D. J. Colter.

TEAMS.

Holywood—E. M. Dillon (capt.); J. Coates, V. Winter; J. Martin, L. Winter, F. Graham; F. Adams, B. Winter, W. A. Brown, W. Steele, F. Downey.

Kingstown G.S.—C. W. Gibson; E. S. Phillips, Rev. E. J. Devlin; R. E. Felton, A. F. Cook, J. R. Marsden (capt.); T. Staples, E. M. McCormack, E. W. Winder, C. W. Cook, V. E. Jenkin.

Railway Union—J. Leopold; K. Downey, J. McElveen; J. Ryan, D. N. Murdoch, R. Williams; T. Browner, C. Sully, V. Sully, H. Sully, R. Leitch.

Railway Union 2nd—T. Pike; J. Spence, T. Gilleran; F. Chadwick, A. Black, I. Varian; F. Hudson, H. Bollard, T. Bissette, S. Hewett, J. Doran.

Tullamore—E. O'Brien; F. Lane, P. Dolan; C. Manners, N. Egan, G. C. Lumley (capt.); E. J. Colton, B. Day, T. Graham, W. Gibson, A. S. A. Brabazon.

THREE ROCK ROVERS.—Special practice on St. Stephen's Day at Foxrock at 9.30 sharp. All members are requested to turn out.

THE OLYMPIA PANTOMIME.

Mr. Will Pfounds, who is assisting Mr. Barnes in the production of the Christmas pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," which will open a two weeks' engagement in the Olympia Theatre on Boxing Day, is a Dublin man, who has appeared several times already at the Olympia.

He has also acted as principal comedian, manager and producer with many West End companies. In addition to acting as stage director in "Babes of the Wood" he will appear in the part of Friar Tuck.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Time from Greenwich. Concert: Gladys Lack (soprano). 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Mr. Le Breton Martin, "A Christmas Adventure in 1724." 7.0—Time from Big Ben, Weather, and News. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. Hartley Withers, "Investment and Insurance." S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—John Coates (tenor), Nellie Walker (contralto), Hector Gordon ("The Canny Scot"), the "2LO" Military Band. 9.30—Time from Greenwich, Weather, and News. S.B. to all Stations. The Week's Work in the Garden, by the Royal Horticultural Society. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. Douglas Kennedy, "Song, Dances, and Carols." S.B. to all Stations. 10.5-12.0—Programme S.B. to all Stations, except Aberdeen. 10.5—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands. 10.30—Turner Layton and Clarence Johnstone (American duettists). 10.40—The Savoy Bands. 10.45—Turner Layton and Clarence Johnstone. 11.0—Carols and Waits, relayed from somewhere in London. 11.30—The Savoy Bands and the Selma Four. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Station Pianoforte Quintet. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.0-5.0—The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. 5.0-6.30—Children. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

3.0-4.0—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Music. 4.30-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

3.45-5.15—Martin Henderson (solo concertina), Tom Danskin (tenor), Jack Mackintosh (cornet). 5.15-6.30—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. Hartley Withers. S.B. from London. 7.35—The Station Orchestra, Jenny Forster (soprano), George Tindle (baritone). 9.0-9.30—Carols by the Newcastle and Gateshead Choral Union. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-5.0—The Wireless Quartet. J. H. N. Craigen (humorist). 5.0-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.5—Weather for Farmers. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

4.0-5.0—The "2BE" Trio. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. Hartley Withers. S.B. from London. 7.30—"The Messiah," Christmas portion of (Handel). Eva Kerr (soprano), Christina Moore (contralto), John Vine (tenor), James Holmes (bass), the Station Chorus, the Station Orchestra. 8.50—Dickens Recital. The Belfast Radio Players. 9.20—The Station Mixed Voice Quartet. Carol, "Good King Wenceslas." Carol, "Listen, Lordlings, Now to Me." 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Royal Horticultural Society Talk. S.B. from London. Mr. Douglas Kennedy. S.B. from London. 10.5—The Savoy Bands, Layton and Johnstone, Waits and Carols. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

THURSDAY.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

7.0—Sir Hall Caine will broadcast "A Dream of Christmas Day." S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—Gwladys Naish (soprano), George Baker (baritone), Mabel France (entertainer), Nelson Jackson (entertainer), the Wireless Christmas Orchestra. 10.0—Time from Greenwich, Weather, and News. S.B. to all Stations. 10.15—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands and Selma Four. S.B. to all Stations. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

3.30—Norman Grahame (baritone), the Station Orchestra. Orchestra: March, "The B'hoys of Tipperary" (Amers); Overture, "The Arcadians" (Monckton and Talbot); Selection of Haydn Wood's Songs. 3.55—Norman Grahame: Selected. 4.8—Orchestra: "Voice of the Bells" (Luigini). 4.15—Mrs. Rooney. 4.25—Orchestra: "Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy" ("Casse Noisette" Suite) (Tchaikovsky). 4.30—Norman Grahame: "The Corporal's Ditty" (Squire), "The Mistress of the Master" (Phillips), "Here's Health Unto His Majesty" (Savile). 4.40—Orchestra: Entr'acte, "In a Fairy Boat" (Brian Hope). 4.45—Mrs. Rooney. 4.55—Orchestra: Fox-trot, "Oh, that Mistletoe Bough." 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

FRIDAY.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Time from Greenwich. Concert: Dorothy Bennett (soprano), Melven Yeats (solo pianoforte). Organ Music. 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of Agriculture's Fortnightly Bulletin. S.B. to other Stations. 7.0—Time from Big Ben, Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Percy Scholes (the B.B.C. Music Critic). S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. Keighley Dunn (tenor), Helena Millais (entertainer), "Bret Hayden" (entertainer), A. E. Nickolds and Albert H. Howe (vocal, instrumental, and humorous harmony). S.B. to Bournemouth. 9.30—Time from Greenwich, Weather and Second News. S.B. to all Stations. Mr. W. Pett Ridge: "The Good Christmas and the Perfect Boxing Day." S.B. to all Stations. 10.0—The Band. 10.30—A. J. Allen: A Christmas Ghost Story. S.B. to all Stations. 10.40—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands and Selma Four. S.B. to all Stations. 12.0—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

5.30-6.30—Children. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin. S.B. from London. 7.0—Weather and News. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. 7.30—"Goody Two Valves." 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.0-5.0—"Winter Gardens Programme." The Municipal Orchestra. Eric Godley (vocalist), John Henry (entertainer). 6.40-10.0—Programme S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

4.45-5.15—"5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks": Mollie Seymour (entertainer). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin. S.B. from London. 7.0—Weather and News. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. 7.30—Harry Brindle (bass-baritone), the "5WA" Choir, the Station Orchestra. "A Christmas Carol" (Charles Dickens), dramatised version; Choir and Orchestra. Carols. 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

12.30-1.30—Organ Music. 3.30-4.30—Orchestral. 4.30-5.0—Women. Tom Sherlock (baritone). 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. 7.30—The "2ZY" Opera Chorus, the "2ZY" Quartet, Marjorie Booth (mezzo-soprano), Dennis Noble (baritone), Ben Jackson (solo banjo). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

3.45-5.15—L. A. Nicholson (Solo Violin), Robert Baulks (Solo Clarinet). Margaret McQueen on "Mary Slessor." E. B. Appleyard (Solo Pianoforte). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin. S.B. from London. 7.0—Weather and News. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. 7.30—The Station Orchestra. Doris Miller (Soprano), Helena Cecile (Entertainer), William Taylor (Bar'tone). 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-5.0—The Wireless Quartet. Mary Ferrier (Soprano). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.5—Weather for Farmers. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin. S.B. from London. 7.0—Weather and News. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. 7.30—The Station Orchestra. Vocal Numbers and Choruses by Daniel Seymour (Tenor). 9.30—Weather and News. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Close.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

4.0-5.0—The "2BE" Quartet. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Percy Scholes. S.B. from London. William Anderson (Baritone), Reginald Dobson (Solo Violoncello). The Station Orchestra. 7.30—Orchestra—"Marche Militaire" (Gounod); Overture, "Plymouth Hoe" (Ansell). 7.48—William Anderson—Selected song. 8.0—Reginald Dobson—Rêverie (Dunkler). 8.10—Orchestra—Intermezzo, "Canterbury Chimes" (Ancliffe). 8.20—William Anderson—Selected song. 8.35—Dance Programme. 9.30—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. W. Pett Ridge. S.B. from London. 10.0—The Savoy Bands. S.B. from London. 12.0—Close.

CREDIT OF DUBLIN UNION.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

The Dublin Union Commissioners met yesterday, a day earlier than the usual weekly meeting day.

Mr. McLysaght was in the chair, and Dr. W. C. Dwyer and Mrs. J. Power were also present. Mr. John P. Condon, Clerk of the Union, reported that there was a balance to the credit of the Union of £11,022 5s. 1d. There was a sum of £11,579 still due by the Dublin County Council in respect of the third instalment, and the County Council had notified the Commissioners that they could not pay the demand at present owing to the fact that the contributing bodies had not yet paid their quotas.

EARLSFORT HOUSE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes in Earlsfort House School was held on Friday, 19th inst., at the Diocesan Hall, Adelaide road, Dublin.

The report of the Head Master (Mr. W. Ernest Exshaw) showed that the school was in a flourishing condition.

The prizes were presented by the Rev. A. E. Hughes, who emphasised the importance of serious work for those who were to be the men of the future.

Canon Baillie proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hughes for his interesting and helpful address.

The following was the prize list:—Form VI.—1, J. O. Wisdom; 2, G. Burton; 3, W. E. H. Telford. Form V.—1, Hume Brett; 2, P. de W. Waller. Form III.—1, J. E. Hamerton; 2, J. Weaving; 3, S. Tomlinson. Form II.—1, N. Lyburn; 2, M. D. Burke. Form I.—1, J. Bishworth; 2, Greer Robinson; 3, G. Hamerton. Junior School writing prize—A. Burton. Junior School reading prize—J. E. Hamerton. Honour caps (Rugby football)—W. E. Telford; G. Medcalf.

SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Matins; Proper Psalms, 19, 85; Te Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in B flat; Processional Hymn, 80, "O come, all ye faithful"; "There were shepherds" (Handel); Hymn 84, "Hark! the herald." Preacher, the Dean. 12.15, Holy Communion (Choral). Offerings for Cathedral Sustentation Fund. Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Gloria, Eyre in E flat; Offertory, "With all Thy hosts" (Bach); during Communion, "Beside Thy cradle" (Bach). 3.15, Offerings for Cathedral Sustentation Fund. Proper Psalms, 110, 132; Magn. N. Dim., Harwood in A flat; Processional Hymn, 84, "Hark! the herald"; 1st, "Hallelujah" (Beethoven); Hymn 80, "O come, all ye faithful"; 2nd, "There were shepherds." For behold, darkness" (Handel).

Christ Church Cathedral.—11, Matins; Processional Hymn, 84; Psalms, 19, 85; Te Deum, Stanford in B flat; Benedictus, Stanford in B flat; Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel). 11.40, Holy Communion, Stanford in B flat. Preacher, the Archbishop of Dublin; Hymns, 89, 207. 3.30, Evensong; Processional Hymn, 84; Psalms, 110, 132; Magn. and Nunc Dim., Stanford in B flat; Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel); Hymn 86. Offerings for the poor of parishes near the Cathedral.

The Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Matthias's Parish Church.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Stephen's Day—11.30, Holy Communion.

St. Ann's Church, Dawson street.—7.15, 8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. W. Crozier. Collections for St. Ann's Coal and Clothing Fund.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—7, 8, 9, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. E. Hughes.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. Bell.

Rathmines Parish Church.—7, 8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. S. C. Hodges.

Magdalen Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. F. Moncrieff Cox.

St. Stephen's.—7, 8, and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins (Te Deum, Hall in B flat; Benedictus, Hutchinson in E flat; Anthem, "Sing, O heavens" (Hollins) and Holy Communion, with sermon. 4, Evensong. St. Stephen's Day (Patronal Festival)—8 and 11, Holy Communion. 4, Evensong.

All Saints' Church, Grangegorman.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion (Choral), Rev. E. H. F. Campbell.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. W. J. M'Creery.

St. Michan's.—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Saunderson Griffin.

St. Paul's.—7, 8, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. J. Young.

Drumcondra Parish.—8 and 11, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Dr. Harden.

North Strand Parish.—7, 8, and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Canon N. J. D. White.

St. Thomas's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. D. H. Hall.

St. Barnabas's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. H. W. Donald.

St. Mark's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Provost of Trinity College.

St. George's.—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Greer.

St. Aidan's.—8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Watson.

The Free Church.—8 and 11.30. 11.30, Rev. R. K. Flewett.

St. Jude's, Kilmainham.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. P. W. Coster.

Church of the Female Orphan House, N.C.R.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. Walford Turl.

St. Peter's.—6.30 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Tobias.

St. Audoen's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. F. W. Synnott.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Sandford Parish Church.—7, 8, 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. Nesbitt Harvey. Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel).

Harold's Cross Parish Church.—7, 8, 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Andrew's Church.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. R. Northridge.

Monkstown Church.—7.30, 8.30, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Divine Service; Anthem. Parochial Poor Fund.

Molyneux Church.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. A. Morrow.

St. Kevin's, S.C. road.—8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Bird.

St. Catherine's Church.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Purser Shortt.

St. Victor's.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Canon Thompson.

Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—7, 8, and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. Canon Chamberlain.

Christ Church, Kingstown.—7.45, 8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—8 and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. L. Parkinson Hill.

All Saints' Church, Blackrock.—Christmas Eve, 8 p.m., Carol Service. Christmas Day, 7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion.

Kenure Church, Rush.—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Offertory for Swords Protestant Orphanage.

St. MacCullin's Church, Lusk.—9, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Offertories for Swords Orphanage.

All Saints', Raheny.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; the Rector.

Tallow Parish Church, Carrickmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins and Holy Communion.

Clontarf Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon Connell.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Abbey Church, Rutland square.—11, sacred solo from "The Messiah," Dr. Denham Osborne.

Kingstown.—11.30, Rev. F. S. Gardiner (special music).

Rathgar (Christ Church).—11.30, Rev. J. J. Macaulay.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Stephen's Green and Dolphin's Barn.—10.30, United Service. Carol and "Messiah" selections; Rev. W. J. Oliver.

Clontarf.—11, Dr. Carrothers.

Sandymount.—11.30, Rev. W. L. Coade.

Blackrock.—11, Rev. A. E. Carson.

Bible Students' Hall, 4 Lincoln Chambers, Lincoln place.—Christmas Day, 11.15, Mr. F. Sharpley.

Clontarf.—11, Dr. Carrothers (special music).

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m., 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. The Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Rathmines (a Branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.).—Services, at which all are welcome—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, Church Building, Rathmines Park, open daily, free to the public, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open on Wednesdays from 11 to 7.30 and Saturdays from 11 to 7 o'clock. Sunday, 4 to 6.30.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The curacies of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, and of Carlow are vacant.

Mr. W. E. Huston has been appointed Diocesan Architect for Derry in succession to the late Mr. A. McC. Stewart.

The Bishop of Derry recently held a confirmation at Omagh, when 71 candidates were presented from surrounding parishes.

The Rev. James Kelly has been instituted to the parish of St. Augustine's, Derry.

An oak reredos has been dedicated in Buncrana Church in memory of the late Rev. W. G. Murphy. A brass tablet has been placed in Desertegue Church in memory of parishioners who served in the Great War.

A resolution of sympathy has been passed by the Select Vestry of Clifden Church on the death of the late Sir George Butler, who was Parochial Nominator and Synodsman.

The Rev. Cyril du Cros, Curate of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, has been appointed Curate-in-Charge of Mothel Parish. Mr. du Cros was Curate of Castlecomer before he came to Limerick.

Five special meetings were held under the auspices of the Church of Ireland Diocesan Temperance Association from December 8th to December 12th. The course was arranged by the Rev. R. A. Orchard, M.A. The special speaker at each meeting was the Rev. Canon M. B. Hogg, M.A., Rector of Keady. The meetings were held in the following parochial halls:—St. Mark's, Carysfort, Blackrock; St. Kevin's, St. Stephen's, and St. Barnabas's. Many pledges were taken. The musical programme was arranged by the Rev. C. R. Milligan, M.A., and was greatly appreciated. It is hoped that another series of meetings will be held during next Lent.

COAST EROSION IN COUNTY WEXFORD.

COURTOWN HARBOUR APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., River Chapel, presided at a public meeting held in Courtown Harbour, Co. Wexford, last Sunday evening for the purpose of impressing on the Government the urgent necessity of giving a grant for the erection of a storm wall to combat the sea encroachments.

Deputies Osmond Esmonde and Alderman Corish, who addressed the meeting, said that there was a danger of the sea breaking in at any moment.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Department's engineer, who is to inspect the place.

BRISTOL MURDER CASE.

YOUNG MAN RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

When committed for trial yesterday, charged with the murder of Gilbert Amos, aged 8 years, Francis Albert Bressington, aged 21, ship's steward, of Soundwell, broke down and cried bitterly. The child was found strangled in a field.

The father of Bressington told a remarkable story. He said that accused was one of seven children, five of whom died in infancy. Accused often left home and stayed away, as a child. At 14 years of age he ran away and joined the Army. At 15 he tried to commit suicide. He was of a morose nature. Witness's father died of a stroke which would have rendered him insane, and his uncle died in an asylum, after being a patient for 30 years. Accused was fond of dressing up. Railwaymen said that the father of the child asked them to arrest accused, evidently mistaking them for police, and saying, as he pointed to the dead child: "There he is, cold and stiff."

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COUNTY GALWAY NEEDS HOSPITALS.

EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY.

On Saturday last Dr. McCarthy, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board Department, held an inquiry in the Courthouse, Ballinasloe, into the necessity of establishing hospitals in towns in the County Galway remote from the Central Hospital, Galway.

Mr. H. Macdermot, K.C. (instructed by Mr. L. O'Dea, solicitor), was present on behalf of the County Council to oppose the establishment of such hospitals.

Dr. Rossiter said that he was medical officer of the Ballinasloe dispensary. The local hospital had been closed for three years, and during that time he met many cases of hardship, especially in the lanes of the town. When the hospital was closed they had an epidemic of measles. There were two or three hundred cases and over twenty deaths. Parents objected to send their children to an hospital forty or fifty miles away, and out of 36 cases of scarlatina which they had recently very few parents would send their children away. In the old Fever Hospital they had accommodation for twenty or twenty-six beds. When there was a scarlatina epidemic then he was always able to stamp it out, but he was helpless now.

Josephine O'Connor, Brackernagh, stated that she was sent to the Central Hospital, Galway, last August, where an operation was performed on her. After three weeks, without leaving hospital, she took typhoid fever and was sent to the Fever Hospital. Two days after getting up she was sent back to the Central Hospital. There was another woman put into the same bed with her.

Mr O'Dea—You mean into the same ward?

Witness—No. This woman, who took epileptic fits, was put into the same bed with me. The woman took a fit in the morning, and I had to leave the bed to go look for a nurse, and I could not find one.

Dr. Lydon gave evidence, and said that the cause of the epidemic in Ballinasloe was due to the want of an hospital.

LECTURES FOR JUVENILE AUDIENCES.

In accordance with a long-established custom, the Royal Dublin Society has arranged for a series of lectures for juveniles during the Christmas holidays.

These popular expositions of scientific subjects have an interest for many who are no longer juveniles. It is worth recalling that it was at such lectures that electric light was first publicly shown in Dublin, and that the practical use of the telephone was first demonstrated here. In this season's programme the Society continues to stimulate the young people to take an interest in matters scientific by selecting subjects which lend themselves to profuse illustration either by lantern slides or by experiments.

The lectures, which will be delivered in the Royal College of Surgeons at four o'clock in the afternoons, are six in number, and the admission fee to each is one shilling. The following is this year's programme:—

Monday, December 29—"Geological Rambles Around Dublin," by Mr. Louis Bouvier Smyth, M.A., B.Sc.

Wednesday, December 31—"Bird Life," by Mr. C. B. Moffat.

Friday, January 2—"Great Engineering Achievements," by Professor Pierce Purcell, M.A.

Monday, January 5—"Light and Colour," by Dr. Horace Poole.

Wednesday, January 7—"Wireless Receiving Sets," by Mr. F. R. McCormack.

Friday, January 9—"Electricity of the Air," by Professor J. J. Nolan.

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INCOME TAX, 1923/24.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Gerard H. Downes, of 7/8 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, has been appointed Collector of Income Tax (Schedules D. and E.) for the District Electoral Divisions of Blackrock No. 1, Blackrock No. 2, Blackrock No. 3, Dalkey, Killiney, Dun Laoghaire No. 1, Dun Laoghaire No. 2, Dun Laoghaire No. 3, Dun Laoghaire No. 4, Clondalkin, Palmerstown, Rathfarnham, Tallaght, Terenure, Whitechurch, Glencullen, Stillorgan, Ballybrack, Dundrum and Rathmichael in the Administrative County of Dublin and Bray No. 1, Bray No. 2, Bray No. 3, Enniskerry, Powerscourt, Delgany, Greystone and Kilmacanoge, in the Administrative County of Wicklow, for the year 1923-24, in succession to Collector of Customs and Excise.

Mr. Downes has also been appointed to collect the arrears for the years 1917/18, 1918/19, 1919/20, 1920/21, 1921/22, and 1922/23.

A. G. BIRCH, Inspector of Taxes, Dublin 5th District.
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THE LABOURERS' (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883 TO 1919.

SOUTH DUBLIN RURAL DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the correct name of the Electoral Area given as Rathfarnham in the notice given by me on the 23rd instant in the matter of the Improvement Scheme made by the South Dublin Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, should be Terenure.

P. J. MEGHEN, Inspector.
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REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (IRELAND) ACT, 1904.

Take Notice that I intend to apply to the Registrar of Clubs for the Police District of Dublin Metropolis for the renewal of a Certificate of Registration of the Legion of Irish Ex-Service Men, Rathmines Branch, situate at 53B Rathmines road, Rathmines, Co. Dublin.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1924.
W. H. WILKIE, Secretary.
T. OSBORNE DAVIS, Solicitor for the Applicant, 31 Exchequer street, Dublin.

SERMONS.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
8. 0—HOLY COMMUNION.
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Preacher—RIGHT. HON. the MOST REV. THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.
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"THERE WERE SHEPHERDS."
"FOR BEHOLD."
"THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS."
"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN."
"HALLELUJAH CHORUS."
CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND CAROLS.
Preacher—REV. W. J. OLIVER.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Government of the Irish Free State has addressed a letter to the League of Nations dissenting from the view expressed by the British Government "That the terms of Article 18 are not applicable to the Treaty of 6th December, 1921."—(Page 5.)

Some of the steamers which reached Dublin yesterday were several hours late owing to the gale in the Channel. The Glasgow steamer was nine hours behind her usual time. One man of the crew of a Belfast steamer which went ashore in Wigtownshire was drowned.—(Page 6.)

In the Belfast Police Court yesterday the *Irish News* and its editor were fined £10 each for a breach of the Civil Authorities Act by publishing a report of an alleged bomb outrage in the County Tyrone, which was calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order in Northern Ireland.—(Page 6.)

The Most Rev. Dr. MacKenna delivered an eloquent panegyric of the late Cardinal Logue at the Month's Mind, observed yesterday in Armagh.—(Page 6.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

It is announced that His Majesty's Government is in communication with the Governments of the Dominions and India with a view to ascertaining whether it will be possible to arrange a special meeting of the Imperial Conference in the early days of March, 1925, to discuss the questions arising out of the Geneva Protocol for the pacific settlement of international disputes.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

Reports from Albania state that the frontier has been closed. The capture of Scutari is confirmed.—(Page 5.)

The Egyptian Parliament has been dissolved and the dates for new elections have been fixed.—(Page 5.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stocks were firm. The strongest department was that for South American Rails, in which several sharp advances occurred.—(Page 9.)

Money was not in such stringent demand in Lombard street. Overnight advances were made at 3 per cent. The Foreign Exchanges were idle.—(Page 9.)

In Dublin the Stock Market was steady. National Loan fell ⅛ to 92¼. Textiles were firm, except Courtaulds, which eased slightly.—(Page 9.)

Losses and Gains.

To-morrow will be Christmas Day—the fourth Christmas since the Irish Free State assumed the risks, privileges and responsibilities of self-government. The past three years have been an anxious time for Government and citizens alike, and anxious times still lie ahead of them. Nobody who enjoys pessimism will have any difficulty in finding material for that frame of mind. We have lost many settled institutions and the worth of those which have replaced them remains to be proved. Freedom has brought the disillusionment which usually follows the winning to a long desired goal. Our politics are not more high-minded or unselfish than they were when the Union Jack still floated over Dublin Castle. The pillar-boxes, as symbols of efficiency, are less convincing in green than they were in red. Trade has not improved in the last three years; taxation and unemployment have not been reduced. Few have been made richer by the change of government and many have become poorer. Hundreds of our people who celebrated former Christmases in familiar homesteads under Irish skies will celebrate to-morrow in exile. Yet it is something—indeed, it is a very great thing, and a matter for honest gratitude and substantial hope—that this fourth Christmas finds our people ready to welcome its message of good-will, and able and eager to share the season's immemorial festivities. We ask the pessimists to ponder the meaning of the fact that throughout the past week Dublin's gaiety has triumphed over Dublin's weather. The streets have been bright and crowded. There has been a vast exchange of gifts—perhaps, less costly than of yore, but not less genuine expressions of kindliness and love. Nothing is radically wrong with a country which can greet Christmas in the old-fashioned way and can thrust its business cares and its political troubles into the background for half a week. One of the rarer qualities of patriotism is a right sense of proportion. There is far more cause for comfort in the fact that the Free State has survived three years of strife and confusion than there is cause for dismay at the heavy price of survival. Loss was largely inevitable. The survival of the State, strengthened by experience and intact in all its resources, is a guarantee of stability and progress. The future holds for us, as we trust, no trials against which we cannot hearten one another with an "*O, passi pejora.*" In no aspect of the Free State Government's policy do we find a more encouraging assurance of success than in its willingness to sink old differences and to unite Irishmen of all creeds, parties and interests in the common tasks of nationhood. This is the charity which covers a multitude of sins, and sane citizens cannot have the slightest doubt where their allegiance ought to lie—with a Government that strives to give political effect to the ideal of national and international good-will or with a party that still fans the drooping flame of ancient hates and jealousies. To-morrow, then, we may hail another Christmas with hearts thankful for many mercies and hopeful that "the best is yet to be." In that spirit we offer our annual wish for the health and happiness of all our readers.

Albania's Troubles.

Another revolution has started in Albania. The news has been received with profound indifference by most of the inhabitants of Europe, who have come to regard an Albanian upheaval as a perennial phenomenon of Balkan life. Nevertheless, no good European can afford altogether to ignore events in this turbulent little State. Just as China, with her civil war, is being used as a diplomatic duelling-ground by Japan and the United States, Albania affords an excellent medium for the intrigue and counter-intrigue of Italy and Jugo-Slavia in their never-ending struggle for complete control of the Dalmatian coast and mastery of the Adriatic. Albania suffered severely during the Great War. She was invaded at different times by Montenegro, Serbia, Greece and Italy, and in 1916 was overrun by the Austrians, who occupied San Giovanni di Medua and Durazzo. Italy then took charge of affairs, and proclaimed Albania an independent country, setting up a Provisional Government at Durazzo; and since that time the little country's history has been the history of a determined effort by the Jugo-Slavs to oust Italian influence and an equally determined struggle by the Italians to retain it. In a sense Albania is the key to the Balkans, and the Jugo-Slavs, who aspire to a Balkan hegemony, know that they never can achieve their ambition while Albanian policy is shaped in Italy. The Albanians themselves do not count. They merely do the fighting for their political "advisers" in Belgrade and Rome.

The present Premier of Albania is Monsignor Fan Noli, a prelate of some eminence, who has spent part of his lifetime in the United States, and has very intimate relationships with the Italian Government. He has been governing the country with fluctuating success for the past two years, and is reputed to be a fervent supporter of the League of Nations, of which Albania has been a member since 1920. During recent months Slavonic influence has been hard at work in Albania, and the Belgrade authorities have been striving to bring about a revolt against Monsignor Fan Noli in order thus to strike a blow at Italy's *prestige*. Their plans were laid so carefully that the newspapers in Belgrade actually announced the outbreak of the rebellion on December 10th—three days before it began. Someone had blundered, and the first shots were not fired until December 13th, when the rebels, under Ahmed Bey Zogou, attacked the Government forces at several points. Ahmed Bey Zogou was formerly Premier of Albania, and is as strongly anti-Italian as Monsignor Fan Noli is Italophile. Before he adopted the career of a revolutionary leader he sojourned in Belgrade, where he was the guest of the Jugo-Slav Government, first in a fashionable hotel in the city and afterwards in a sumptuous villa which was placed at his disposal by his hosts. His immediate aim is the capture of Tirana, the Albanian capital, and the banishment of Italian influence from the councils of State; but, as the Italian Tweedledum differs hardly at all from the Jugo-Slavian Tweedledee, public opinion—such as it is in Albania—refuses to encourage him.

The Fan Noli Government has some 15,000 troops at its disposal, and, although they are ill-trained and ill-equipped, they are magnificent shots and fairly stout fighters. Ahmed Bey Zogou has an indefinite number of irregulars, who seem to be a motley crew. They are composed chiefly of Russians who fought at one time with General Wrangel in the Crimea, Bulgar refugees from Macedonia, Serbian soldiers and deserters, with a sprinkling of Albanian brigands eager for loot. They appear to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, and, although Monsignor Fan Noli has ordered the whole male population of the country to be mobilised against them, they are making considerable headway. Monsignor Fan Noli has complained to the League of Nations, and probably also to the Italian Government, which has sent naval units to San Giovanni di Medua and to Durazzo; but the fight continues, and now the Jugo-Slavs have decided to close their frontier. The Governments of Western Europe are watching developments with interest; for a quarrel between Italy and Jugo-Slavia about Albania might lead to all sorts of international complications. Britain has no particular interest in Balkan affairs at present, but her general policy favours Albanian independence. Attempts have been made by both sides to enlist British support, but Mr. Austen Chamberlain very wisely has refused to be involved in the dispute.

The Holy Year.

L'Anno Santo—the Holy Year—begins in Rome to-day. The first ceremony which will mark the occasion is the opening of the *Porta Santa* at Saint Peter's. This door, which leads into the right aisle of the Cathedral, has been prepared beforehand so that it can be made to fall back when the Pope, who performs the ceremony in person, strikes three times with his golden hammer. The door will remain open for one year, and will be closed again on Christmas Eve, 1925, for another quarter of a century. The origin of the Holy Year is of great antiquity and can be traced to the Jubilee Year of the Hebrews. It was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church, and Popes have encouraged its observance from the earliest days of the Church's history. Pope Boniface VIII., in 1300, gave it particular encouragement, and two million pilgrims visited Rome on that occasion. Among them was Dante, who attended as the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Florence. The Holy Year of 1900 was the first after the loss of the Pope's temporal power, and it attracted three million pilgrims to Rome. Evidence of the occasion's wide appeal is furnished by the fact that a contingent of Chinese Christians is expected in January. Already a few German pilgrims, the first arrivals from abroad, have made their appearance. May is the month in which the largest number of British pilgrims is expected. An innovation this year will be a Missionary Exhibition at which every aspect of missionary work will be shown. Great efforts are being made in Rome to provide for a large influx of visitors, and it is thought that fully one million people will come to the city from abroad during the year.

Traffic Problems.

The great volume of traffic of all sorts on the streets of Dublin during the past few days has been very noticeable. Such over-crowding is a constant source of danger, and causes a reduction in traffic speed which has serious results. London suffers from a like over-crowding in its streets, and its problem, although it is on a much larger scale, has many points in common with that which perplexes the capital of the Free State. Sir Lynden Macassey discussed the matter in a recent article in *The Times*. "The first thing to be done," he writes, "is to compel slow-moving traffic to keep as near as possible to the kerb." He refers to the selfishness of drivers of heavy vehicles which are capable of one speed only in selecting a line of progression that prevents motor vehicles from passing them. Another abuse is the neglect of owners of horse-drawn carts to provide adequate lights. Again, "the absence of an obligation on cyclists to carry a rear light reduces very much the speed of traffic at night." All these failings are familiar to anyone who uses the streets of Dublin. We know well the selfish driver of a lumbering cart who is content to monopolise the crown of the road, trusting to the weight of his cart to protect him from harm in case of an accident. The "flickering and insufficient light" on such vehicles also is well known to us. Indeed, on many of the roads in the neighbourhood of the capital even this precaution is lacking. The time is long overdue for vigorous action by the authorities. Existing regulations ought to be enforced, and new regulations ought to bring our whole system of street traffic into conformity with current needs.

THE INCARNATION.

THE MASTER-TRUTH OF LIFE.

FROM OUR CHURCH OF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

Festival Days are for all thoughtful people more than holidays. Amusement and good cheer, the converse of friendly souls in social gathering, the exchange of letter or present they welcome and delight in, but they feel that these things in themselves are not enough. The religiously-disposed find in them opportunities for dwelling on some of the great truths which they cherish or of reviewing afresh the great ideals which rule the world and give meaning and direction to life.

For the Christian the Incarnation towers above every other truth. It possesses for him a dynamic force which he finds nowhere else. It brings within his reach the possibility of realising successfully what all forms of religious belief aim at but have failed to realise in any but the smallest degree—a real and active fellowship with God. It offers to him a knowledge which may grow—"not truth given and mastered once for all, but truth to be illuminated and interpreted by the ever-increasing sum of human experience."

He will observe, as he traces the history of Christianity, that between such a truth as the doctrine of the Incarnation and human life there is a sort of continuous impact and rebound. It has to be re-interpreted in the terms of each age, and the thought of each age throws light upon it, whilst in turn it gives to that thought its abiding force. Amongst other thoughts to which we are awakening in these days may be reckoned the consciousness of the unity, the solidarity of mankind. Faster methods of locomotion, the increasing developments of international trade, the permeation of similar ideas into the minds of the several classes which make up each nation, are making it increasingly clear that in the case of nations as in the case of the individual no man can hope to live to himself, and we are being taught—how slow we are to learn it!—that the service which counts is not that which is interested in self alone, or even in the welfare of one's country, but in nothing less than humanity. The ideal which is to be set before us is not so much Jesus the carpenter, or Jesus the Nazarene, or Jesus the national Messiah, as Jesus the Catholic God-Man, the Word of God become flesh, supreme because of the union in Him of representative manhood and complete fellowship with the Father.

To-day the world is in a state of restlessness and dissatisfaction. The great crisis of the war has passed, but a sense of disappointment remains. We are finding out that the golden age is not yet to be. New ideas are floating about, new movements striving to find their feet; and the content of the Gospel message seems to men hardly wide enough for the thoughts that are seeking expression and need to be brought under control. Religion seems to be losing its control in some directions over human activity; and timid souls, who fail to realise that popular conceptions of Christianity do not embrace in their scope the whole sum of its being, are pessimistic as to the future.

So the Christmas season asks us to consider anew the great truth of the Incarnation; and modern conditions demand that in our consideration we should not dwell so much on the simple and beautiful frame in which the picture is presented as the masterpiece itself with its outstanding figures of God in Christ and humanity. We must scan it carefully for any vital lines which have been hitherto inadequately valued. We are compelled, as has been suggested, to study it in the light of international co-operation and fellowship—to study it one and all as units of humanity rather than as members of the white race. Some who are striving to attain a world outlook will be able to do so; others, one fears, will have to start from the very beginning, and commence the study with their next door neighbour standing by their side. He will have much to teach them, some chance remark of his will open their eyes to the simplicity and breadth of human nature which their self-centredness had kept hidden from them. Here lies the value of that feeling of good-will and fellowship which at this season comes over all but the most miserly and churlish. Sympathetic study of, and friendly contact with, one's neighbour is an education which helps us towards the study of humanity and becomes a preparation for the vision of God here and hereafter.

THE *IRISH TIMES* will *NOT* be issued on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day.

NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with the custom for some years past, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State has proclaimed the 1st of January next a financial bank holiday.

There is no intention of making it a general public holiday, the object being to allow the banks additional time for making up their books.

Bank officials will work as usual, but no public business will be transacted.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Princess Royal has arrived at Sandringham and will spend Christmas with Queen Alexandra. The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive at York Cottage this afternoon.

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The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland will arrive at Goodwood House to-day, to stay with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland left Southampton yesterday for New York. The Marquis and Marchioness of Tavistock and their children will spend Christmas at Warblington House, near Havant.

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Lady Irene and Lady Alexandra Curzon will leave London for St. Moritz next Saturday. Their step-mother, the Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, was to have accompanied them, but has had to change her plans owing to the illness of her daughter, Miss Marcella Duggan, who will undergo an operation for appendicitis early in January. Lady Curzon's sons, Mr. Alfred and Mr. Hubert Duggan, left London last week for Switzerland.

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Lady Patricia Blackwood and her cousin, the Hon. Eileen Plunket, made their first appearance on the London stage at the Haymarket Theatre last Saturday, when they played in "A Kiss for Cinderella," in which Lady Tree, Miss Hilda Trevelyan, Mr. Norman McKinnell and Mr. J. H. Roberts are appearing. A number of their friends and relations were present at the performance, including the Marchioness of Dufferin, Lady Doris Gunston, Lady Ursula Blackwood and Lord and Lady Plunket.

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The Countess of Mayo has joined the Earl of Mayo at Palmerston, Co. Kildare. She has just returned from an interesting tour in the West of Ireland, where she visited the Lady Dudley Nurses, who are carrying on such splendid work among the sick poor in the isolated districts of Connaught and Munster.

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Field-Marshal Earl Haig and Countess Haig are in residence at Bemersyde, Roxburghshire, and will spend Christmas there with their children. Viscount and Viscountess FitzAlan of Derwent have left London for Rome, and will be away for some weeks. Lady Wavertree has arrived at Madeira, where she will remain for three or four weeks.

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Viscount Devonport has arrived at the Viceregal Lodge, on a visit to Mr. T. M. Healy, Governor-General of the Irish Free State. Sir John and Lady Lavery and Miss Alice Lavery have left London for a three weeks' stay in Switzerland. The Right Hon. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., has left London for the South of France.

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On Saturday last the marriage of Mr. Robert Humphries McKeag, M.B., B.Ch., to Miss Irene Mary Workman took place in the Chapel of Westminster College, London. Mr. McKeag, who is an ex-captain of Dublin University Harriers and has represented Ireland in athletics, is the son of the Rev. Dr. Hugh McKeag, Chaplain to the Parliament of Northern Ireland and ex-President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. W. P. Workman, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and headmaster of Kingswood School, Bath. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Workman, uncle of the bride, and by the Rev. Dr. McKeag, father of the bridegroom. Miss Marjorie Smith, of Middlesbrough, was the bridesmaid, and Dr. J. S. Glasgow, of Leeds, was the best man.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will (D.V.) take place quietly at Armagh on January 7th, between Mr. Geoffrey Roger Claridge, of Crawford Lodge, Exeter, and Maureen, only daughter of the late Edwin Best, B.A., solicitor, Armagh.

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Dr. Harold Quinlan has left town for some weeks.

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Departures:—Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore, Conrad A. Peterson, Henry Fisher, R. A. FitzGerald Studdert, Dr. G. A. Campbell, Miss M. Rycroft, T. Macmillan Shields, H. C. Backhouse, Miss Ella Dowling, Mrs. Poole Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Knee, H. C. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Blood.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Toy Fair and Christmas Gift Bazaar open all day to-day.

To LADIES.—Elastic Stockings, Belts and Medical Appliances. Special department for ladies on 1st floor. Female attendant.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton st. Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — Conditions are favourable for the development of secondaries, perhaps of considerable intensity, and for their passage across the British Isles. Winds will be mainly between south and south-west, varying greatly in force, and probably reaching gale force in places. Showers of rain or hail are probable, with brighter intervals, though in the extreme South cloudy conditions may prevail, with longer rain periods. The temperature will be moderate to rather mild.

Ireland. — Wind southerly to south-westerly, variable force, perhaps gale locally; some showers of hail or rain; brighter intervals; visibility good; moderate temperature.

All Irish Seaboards.—Wind southerly to south-westerly, fresh or strong or gale locally; showers of hail or rain; visibility good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.
Dublin—Tuesday (5 p.m.) 29.60

SUN.

To-day....Rises ..	8.39	Sets	....	4.10
To-morrow.. „ ..	8.40	„	....	4.11
Lighting-up Time			....	5.10

HIGH WATER.
DUBLIN.

To-day....Morning	9.30	Night	....	10. 0
To-morrow.. „ ..	10.23	„	....	10.52

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Theatre Royal—"The Barnstormers," 6.45 and 9.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—Closed.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
Olmpia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 7 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," 3, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
The Grafton—"Her Temporary Husband."
Metropole—"The Rustle of Silk," 2.30, 4.45, 7 and 9.15 p.m.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"The Silent Command," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
The Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Pioneer Trails," 3.30 to 10.15.
Princess, Rathmines—"The White Tiger," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Zoological Gardens—Phœnix Park.

DEATHS.

JOHNSTON—At Ranchi, Brian Samuel Benjamin, dearly loved infant son of J. P. W. Johnston, Esq., Indian Police, and Emma Johnston (née McCracken), daughter of Mrs. Waddell and step-daughter of J. J. H. Waddell, Esq., of Emsdale, Emsworth, Hampshire.

JOYCE—December 22, 1924, at her residence, Sion House, County Kilkenny, Josephine, wife of Major W. Joyce. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers.

LONDON LETTER.

AN IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

It is almost certain that an Imperial Conference will be held in London before long, possibly in the early spring, since the Imperial Government wishes to discuss several questions with the Dominion Premiers. The Geneva Protocol is one matter which is causing considerable anxiety in Government circles, and there is a desire to know what is the opinion of the Dominions concerning it. It will be remembered that Mr. Baldwin stated that he would take no decisive international step without consulting the Dominions, and it is felt that the acceptance of the Protocol and all that it would involve would be one of these steps. The next meeting of the Council of the League of Nations will take place in March, but the Protocol need not be discussed at that meeting unless Great Britain so desires. In the interim Lord Balfour has consented to rejoin the Committee of Imperial Defence, which is to study the Protocol in readiness for an Imperial Conference.

The Dundee Election.

In Liberal circles the result of the Dundee election has been received with grave disquietude. Owing to the fact that the Conservative stood down, it was considered certain that the Liberal candidate would win the seat, and, in anticipation of this victory, the Conservative candidate and organisation were ignored. It appears that the Conservatives have resented this attitude and abstained from voting, while many Liberals also did not vote. It is thought in Conservative circles that the Conservative candidate would have won the seat if he had continued the contest. The blow is all the more severe to the Liberals because they held the view that Liberalism was on the up-grade in Scotland.

The Personal Equation.

In the Dundee election campaign the Socialist was aided by the prominence given to local affairs and by the personal factor. Mr. Johnston is very popular throughout Scotland. He is a clever speaker, a graduate of Edinburgh University and the founder of a weekly Labour paper. Questions of national importance were rarely mentioned throughout the campaign, and local matters concerning the industries in which the constituency is mainly interested dominated the issue.

The Zinovieff Letter.

The naïve request of the Soviet Government that the British Foreign Office should reveal the identity of the sender of the text of the Zinovieff letter is nothing but a Bolshevist trick to ascertain whether the letter was sent from Russia or intercepted in this country. The proffered guarantee that the person who supplied the letter would be given safe conduct is one that no Government is likely to accept, in view of what has happened in the past. The Soviet leaders have made an open boast that they are willing to make agreements only to break them. If the letter did come from Russia, and the Foreign Office gave the name of the sender, his life would not be worth a day's purchase. It will be remembered that Mr. Chamberlain said that the text of the letter was received from more than one source. The Socialists here would be glad if one of the signatories in this country could be prosecuted, because such a step probably would reveal how the letter came into the hands of the Government. It is unlikely, therefore, that they will be satisfied.

Religion in Russia.

On Saturday last the trade union's delegation to Russia stated that religion was free in that country, but Professor Sergius Bulgakor, lecturing at King's College last night on "The Present Position of Religion in Russia," said that atheism was the profession of the Russian Government. The Communist regarded religion as an opiate for the people. Religious teaching was completely forbidden to children under eighteen, and no religious books could be printed. The position of the clergy was more unfavourable than that of anyone else in the country, and a great many of the famous monasteries had been closed altogether and the monks removed. The lecturer spoke in Russian and wore Russian dress.

Italy's Electoral Law.

Students of electoral systems throughout the world condemned the method by which the present Italian Parliament was chosen, and little surprise is expressed at the decision of Signor Mussolini that it is not to be continued. It rendered the return of the Fascist Government a virtual certainty owing to the advantages conferred upon the Government in power by "bonus" votes and by regarding the whole country as one constituency. The return to the more orthodox system of the one-man constituency will, it is considered, have the result of strengthening the moderate section of the Fascist Party at the expense of the extremists, who were far more powerful in Parliament than in the country.

Income Tax.

The pressure put on payers of income tax this year has been very successful, and it is now reported that the amount of arrears outstanding has not been so small for years. It was at the instigation of Mr. Snowden, late Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the additional pressure was applied, and the result has been most satisfactory. This state of things, however, does not apply to the super-tax; for the arrears in this department have increased steadily. It is said that this is due to the fact that more people are assessed for super-tax, but it is probable that the payers of super-tax suffer from shortness of money just as other people.

Christmas Dinners.

All "records" have been broken at Smithfield Meat Market this Christmas; for never since it was opened has there been such a volume of business. The approximate figures show that some six hundred and twenty-five thousand geese, half-a-million turkeys and a million chickens will have been handled by the time when the market closes to-morrow night. It is generally supposed that the turkey is the most popular bird for the Christmas dinner, but at the market it is maintained that the honour goes to the goose, and it is said that the demand for geese is so insistent that many people will have to be disappointed. The Superintendent of the Market stated to-day that he had never known such a Christmas trade, and that the strain on the market people had been immense.

Postal Gifts.

The main features of the postal traffic so far this year have been the decline in the Christmas card and a great increase in the number of small packages consigned by parcels post and by letter. Parcels, varying in weight from a few ounces to a pound or two, have grown enormously. The explanation may be found in the increased tendency to give cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and pipes as presents. The cigarette habit has taken a firm hold upon both sexes, and the increased postal traffic of this description is a reflection of the balance sheets of the tobacco companies. Smoking materials are easily obtained, have an attractive appearance, and are so simply sent through the post that it is not, perhaps, surprising that the custom of giving them as Christmas presents is commending itself to an ever-increasing number.

A book lives because it is a joy to read, and it dies because it isn't.—Mr. A. E. W. Mason.

THE REVOLT IN ALBANIA.

REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING.

CLOSING OF THE FRONTIER.

SIGNIFICANT SOVIET ACTIVITY.

BELGRADE, Tuesday.

Press reports from Albania confirm the capture by the insurgents of Scutari and Alesio after several days' hard fighting.

The newspaper *Retch* states that the former Prefect of Scutari, Bayrouitch, was killed in the fighting.

Sanguinary battles are proceeding in the El Bassan region, where a column of rebels is attacking, and in the Kiafa Pass, north of Tirana, where the insurgents last night captured four guns and six machine-guns.

Ahmed Bey Zogou, the former Premier, who is directing the operations for the encirclement of Tirana, was yesterday at Chkali, sixteen miles from the capital.

The departure of Krakovietski, the Soviet representative at Tirana, in conformity with the demand expressed by the Albanian Premier, is alleged, in certain political circles here, to be intended by the latter to conceal his relations with Moscow.—(Reuter.)

Reuter's Agency is informed officially that at the request of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs the Government of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes has decided to close the frontier between the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and Albania, owing to the rebellion in Albania.

At the same time, orders have been given to the competent authorities to disarm and intern any man who has crossed the frontier and who belonged to any of the fighting parties.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
TIRANA, Monday Night (Received Tuesday).

Sharp fighting occurred between Albanian Government forces and Achmed Bey Zogou's rebels, 15 miles east of Tirana, yesterday. The casualties among the Government troops totalled 100. The retreating rebels left 160 dead behind them.

According to an official Government statement the Government troops during the night retired to their previously held positions, where the work of organisation continues in anticipation of a general offensive.

I understand that the Albanian War Minister, Kazit Kazserzi, is not yet ready to make a general attack on the rebels, nor are the Government troops now at any point of contact with Achmed Bey Zogou's forces.

Among the prisoners taken, the Minister of War declares, there are three Serbian artillery men from the Serbian Regular Army, who were captured with a Serbian field gun. These men are being brought to Tirana.

It is reported here that fighting with Achmed Zogou are two hundred Russian soldiers of fortune, who were formerly with the Wrangel Army.

The position of the Albanian Government troops is officially declared not to be serious. Both north and south of Tirana all districts are reported at the moment quiet.

RED ARMY PURCHASES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday.

The Red Army is being hurriedly made ready for some big effort in the near future. The Soviet Government, I learn, is putting through feverish orders for the purchase of flour through Constantinople agents, for immediate delivery to the Red Army, and is negotiating a two hundred thousand ton order for delivery next month. The Soviet Government is, I am also informed on good authority, buying gold and silver in London and New York with which to pay the Red Army, and is hastily taking many other measures to put the army in good mood, as well as in a good fighting condition.

Some foreign military observers believe that the Soviets fear widespread disorders this winter. Others are expecting that the Red Army will be flung into the Balkans this spring, in the final agony of Bolshevism. The great famine in Russia, the quarrel between Trotsky and the Big Three, the widespread revolt of the peasants, the collapse of industry, the vast unemployment, and the new invisible blockade by Europe are rocking the Soviet *régime* to its foundation.

The Communist *Internationale* and the Soviet Government are continually intensifying their revolutionary propaganda in Austria, Bulgaria, and Jugo-Slavia, and there are many other indications that the Soviet chiefs are thinking of hurling the Red Army into Bessarabia and the Balkans, with the double objective of setting up a Soviet Republic there and distracting attention from Russia, where Communism has failed.

BOLSHEVISM IN THE FAR EAST.

FRENCH DEPUTY'S FEARS.

PARIS, Tuesday.

In the course of the debate on the Colonial estimates in the Chamber yesterday, M. Ernest Outrey, deputy for Indo-China, referred to the spread of Bolshevism in the Far East. According to the official report of the proceedings, he said—"I fear the organisation of a Bolshevist Government in China, and I am very anxious regarding forthcoming events in the Far East. I know that Japan has protected herself against the movement by her understanding with Changtzolin, and it is certain that Korea and Japan will be protected from the Bolshevist wave, but it is no less certain that this wave will spread across China, and will soon reach Indo-China, Burma and India. We ought to watch it closely."—(Reuter.)

SPANISH POLICY IN MOROCCO.

NEW PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT.

MADRID, Tuesday.

General Jordana, on his return from consulting General Primo de Rivera in Morocco, declared that the problem had been much simplified by the adoption of a new programme of development, in harmony with the new conditions obtaining.

The General stated that the methods employed by the Spaniards would include the use of aeroplanes, blockade, flying columns, the disarmament of the Kabyles, and an active political programme for the benefit of the natives who were assisting the authorities locally. The loyal Kabyles only desired to use their weapons to co-operate in the work of progress which the Spanish authorities intended to pursue more energetically than ever.

General Jordana went on to say that the High Commissar merited the confidence of the country. He added that General Primo de Rivera would spend Christmas among the troops, and would afterwards come to Madrid to give his attention to certain small matters in Spain. Finally, the General categorically denied the rumour of the transfer of the capital of the Larache Protectorate, pointing out that public works were still going on in Tetuan and other towns of the Protectorate.—(Reuter.)

ITALIAN DENIAL.

ROME, Tuesday.

It is semi-officially denied that an Italian warship has been sent to the neighbourhood of Tangier.—(Reuter.)

LORD JELLICOE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Lord and Lady Jellicoe have sailed for London, on board the Mongolia.—(Reuter.)

FREE STATE AND THE LEAGUE.

THE REGISTRATION OF THE TREATY.

PROTEST REGARDING BRITISH ATTITUDE.

GENEVA, Tuesday.

The following letter from the Government of the Irish Free State, in reply to the recent British Note regarding registration by the League of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 6th, 1921, has been received by Sir Eric Drummond, and communicated to the Council and members of the League:—

"SIR,—I am directed by the Minister for External Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, enclosing a copy of the letter addressed to you by the British Government concerning the registration of the Treaty concluded between Great Britain and Ireland on December 6th, 1921.

"The Government of the Irish Free State cannot see that any useful purpose would be served by the initiation of a controversy as to the intentions of any individual signatory of the Covenant.

"The obligations contained in Article 18 are, in their opinion, imposed, in most specific terms, on every member of the League, and they are unable to accept the contention that the clear and unequivocal language of that article is susceptible to any interpretation compatible with the limitation which the British Government now seek to read into it.

"They accordingly dissent from the view expressed by the British Government that the terms of Article 18 are not applicable to the Treaty of 6th December, 1921.

(Signed)
"J. P. WALSHE, Secretary."

PEASANT UNREST IN RUSSIA.

PROMISED SOVIET REFORMS.

RIGA, Tuesday.

Owing to a certain restiveness among the peasantry, the Soviet Government is seriously considering a number of important reforms. The Soviet Central Executive Committee has issued a statement that the growing political activity among the proletariat and peasantry has necessitated the revision of Soviet institutions, and that, therefore, they have summoned a conference, consisting of fifty-six members, to consider what reforms are necessary to meet the changing situation, and to advise to what extent it may be possible to admit non-Communists to real participation in the country's administration.

The Soviet Press hails this announcement as of the greatest importance, and the *Isvestia* makes an elaborate attempt to prove to the enemies of the Soviet that it is a sign of the flexibility, and not of the weakness, of the Soviet system.—(Reuter.)

OBJECT OF THE COMMISSION.

TO BUTTRESS THE SOVIET EDIFICE.

Direct news from trustworthy non-official Moscow sources, says a *Times* telegram from Riga, suggests that the reports in the Berlin Press of alleged open conflict between the followers of Zinovieff and those of Trotsky, and of Stalin's arrest by pro-Trotsky soldiers, are exaggerated. It also shows that the strife among the Communist leaders continues unabated. Communists in Moscow show much nervousness, and are in a state of expectancy. The feeling of nervousness has gained rather than lost ground among non-Communists in consequence of the decree of the General Executive Committee appointing a special Commission of 56 members, to "investigate and indicate what chances in the construction of the governing apparatus of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have become necessary as the result of the increased demand among the workmen and peasants, for participation in Russia's political life."

Among the members of the Commission are Kalinin, Zinovieff, Enukidze, Semashko, and a few other prominent Communists; the others are unknown beyond a narrow circle. The Commission holds its first meeting on January 3rd, when Kalinin will report on the situation, which has rendered the consideration of far-reaching reforms necessary. The Soviet Press explains that the decree is not the result of panic, and alleges that its appointment marks "a new phase in Communism's upward progress."

Stekloff predicts that anti-Bolshevists will consider this revision of the Soviet Constitution as a retrogression, but says that it is not so, and that it is not the result of alarm among the governing organisation or of the increased opposition to the Bolshevist movement, but merely a healthy development of a growing body, which clamours for political activity, and cannot be gainsaid. The Soviet Government must disappoint its enemies and regard this growing political activity as an advantage, not a disadvantage.

A tone of uncertainty and defiance pervades this and other Press articles, and gives the impression that the Soviet edifice is experiencing a serious crisis, particularly owing to the widespread anti-Communist activity among peasants. The Commission, therefore, will seek to devise means to buttress its unsteady walls.

THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT.

CRITICISM FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

The Government Party newspaper, the *Burger*, this morning says:—"The events of the last two months make it quite clear that there is a thoroughbred Conservative Government at the head of affairs in Great Britain. Militarism is raising its head, and Imperialism is seeking again to indulge its appetite."

After discussing developments in regard to the Singapore base, an Anglo-French alliance, the establishment of an Imperial Council in London, and what is described as the denial of Ireland's Dominion *status* in connection with the Treaty, the paper concludes:—"Mr. Baldwin's attitude in these few matters is a warning to us to be on our guard. From this Conservative Government we can only expect a curtailment of the rights we already enjoy."—(Reuter.)

AMERICA CUP TRIALS.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON AND TORBAY.

The trials for the America Cup Races in 1914 took place in Torbay, and Sir Thomas Lipton on that occasion promised that if he should ever again challenge for the trophy he would again sail test matches in the bay, as he regarded it as one of the finest pieces of water along the coast for the purpose. Sir Thomas having again decided to challenge, the Mayor of Torquay (Mr. E. H. Sermon) has communicated with him with a view to securing trials in 1926. Sir Thomas has replied that it will give him very great pleasure to avail himself of the suggestion, and, in any case, he hopes to be racing at Torquay next year with his present "Shamrock."

OBITUARY.

MR. T. W. H. CROSLAND.

The Press Association states that Mr. T. W. H. Crosland, the poet and critic, died in London yesterday evening.

Mr. Crosland was fifty-six year of age. He was the author of "The Unspeakable Scot," "The Wild Irishman," and "Taffy was a Welshman."

BRITAIN AND THE GENEVA PROTOCOL.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH DOMINIONS.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the British Government yesterday sent a series of telegrams to the Governments of the Dominions and India, with a view to ascertaining whether it will be possible to arrange a special meeting of the Imperial Conference in the early days of March, 1925, to discuss questions arising out of the Protocol for the specific settlement of international disputes.

It is not expected that any replies can be available for some days, but it will be seen that it is not a question, as has been assumed in some quarters, of summoning a Conference, but of endeavouring to ascertain from overseas statesmen whether a conference is possible.

Whether the Dominions' Prime Ministers will be able to come themselves or not, in view of the various Parliamentary engagements for the Dominions, especially of Canada and New Zealand, it is impossible to say until the answers have been received.

The object of the proposed Conference is a full and frank discussion of the nature and extent of the responsibilities which will be involved for the Empire, as a whole, by the ratification of the Protocol.

There is no question of any special lines having been already laid out by the British Government, but of everything being left for a complete and frank discussion on the part of the various Dominions of the Empire.

REVENUE OF THE FREE STATE.

BIG RECEIPTS FOR LAST WEEK.

The Free State revenue for the week ended December 20 reaches the very respectable total of £820,988, made up as follows:—

	Last Week. £	Previous Week. £
Customs	153,000	164,000
Excise	400,000	85,000
Motor Tax	1,000	3,000
Estate Duty	10,000	11,000
Stamps	17,000	7,000
Income Tax	220,000	124,000
Corporation Tax	3,000	4,000
Excess Profits	—	—
Post Office	—	—
Land and Sundry	14,982	26,446
Other Receipts	2,006	2,010
	820,988	426,456

The excess over last week is £394,532. Excise accounts for £315,000 more, Income Tax for £96,000, and Stamps for £10,000. On the other hand, Customs produced £11,000 less, Motor Tax £2,000, and Land and Sundry £11,000.

The revenue receipts in the last six weeks were:—

December 20	£820,988
December 13	426,456
December 6	411,359
November 29	787,225
November 22	538,315
November 15	745,014

EXPENDITURE.

During the past week nothing was disbursed on behalf of the Central Fund, and only £100,000 was devoted to the Supply Services. The "Other Issues" included £14,000 temporary advance under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, and £18,000 repaid to Public Departments. These sums added to the Expenditure make a total deduction from the Revenue Receipt of £132,000, leaving £688,988 to be carried to the balance in the Exchequer, which now stands at £5,619,676.

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND ISSUES.

The total receipts from April 1 to December 20 (excluding balances) amount to £20,039,678, as compared with £32,484,211 in the same period of 1923. The Exchequer Issues for the same periods are £17,814,514 and £24,401,578 respectively. At this time last year the balance in the Exchequer stood at £8,279,745, as compared with £5,619,676 this year.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

The following are the receipts into and issues out of the Exchequer between the 1st April, 1924, and the 20th December, 1924:—

Revenue and other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from April 1, 1924, to Dec. 20, 1924. £	April 1, 1923, to Dec. 22, 1923. £
REVENUE.		
Customs	5,757,000	6,054,000
Excise	5,880,000	7,620,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	196,500	193,000
Estate, etc., Duties	524,000	694,000
Stamps	308,000	323,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super Tax and Mineral Rights Duty)	3,548,000	2,866,000
Corporation Profits Tax	154,000	307,000
Excess Profits Tax	2,000	36,000
Post Office	1,150,000	1,200,000
Miscellaneous—		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	654,290	1,627,587
Other Receipts	922,388	1,399,624
Total Revenue	19,096,178	22,320,211
OTHER RECEIPTS.		
Repayment of Temporary Advances—		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	20,000	—
Money raised by Creation of Debt—		
By Irish Free State Bills	—	1,714,000
By Savings Certificates	236,500	514,000
By 5 p.c. National Loan	—	6,400,000
Ways & Means Advances—		
By Public Departments	687,000	1,536,000
Total Receipts	20,039,678	32,484,211
Balance in Exchequer on April 1, 1924, and April 1, 1923	3,394,512	197,112
Total	23,434,190	32,681,323

Expenditure and other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from April 1, 1924, to Dec. 20, 1924. £	April 1, 1923, to Dec. 22, 1923 £
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund Services	1,814,044	533,845
Supply Services	14,817,670	23,265,733
Total Expenditure	16,631,714	23,799,578
OTHER ISSUES.		
Temporary Advances—		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	168,000	262,000
Savings Certificates paid off	62,800	5,000
Irish Free State Bills paid off	814,000	—
Ways and Means Advances Repaid—		
Public Departments	138,000	335,000
Total Issues	17,814,514	24,401,578
Balance in Exchequer on December 20, 1924, and December 22, 1923	5,619,676	8,279,745
Total	23,434,190	32,681,323

BRITISH REVENUE.

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate for 1924-1925. £	April 1, 1924, to Dec. 20, 1924. £
Customs	101,800,000	72,954,000
Excise	135,900,000	101,164,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	15,600,000	5,105,000
Estate, etc., Duties	56,000,000	44,370,000
Stamps	21,000,000	14,560,000
Land Tax, etc.	1,250,000	690,000
Income Tax	265,000,000	130,213,000
Super Tax	61,000,000	29,450,000
Excess Profits Duty	8,000,000	—
Corporation Profits Tax	20,000,000	12,390,000
Post Office	53,500,000	39,400,000
Crown Lands	900,000	760,000
Interest on Loans	12,250,000	9,694,036
Miscellaneous—		
Ordinary Receipts	11,850,000	8,472,177
Special Receipts	30,000,000	22,573,659
Total	794,050,000	491,795,872

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimate for 1924-1925. £	April 1, 1924, to Dec. 20, 1924. £
National Debt Services	350,000,000	294,289,549
Road Fund	15,000,000	4,504,044
Payments to Local Taxation	13,150,000	8,563,084
Payments to Northern Ireland	3,500,000	3,082,735
Land Settlement	750,000	387,574
Other Consolidated Fund Services	2,440,000	1,756,247
Supply Services	405,186,000	264,727,706
Total	790,026,000	577,231,539

NEW MOVE IN EGYPT.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

PREMIER'S LETTER TO KING.

DATE OF ELECTIONS FIXED.

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The King has signed a decree dissolving Parliament. The election for the electoral delegates will take place on January 20th, and the elections for the Deputies will be held on February 24th. The new Chamber will meet on March 6th.—(Reuter.)

CAIRO, Tuesday.

In a letter to King Fuad to-day, advising the dissolution of Parliament, the Premier traces the events leading up to the formation of the present Ministry, declaring that his first care was to make sure that Great Britain's action should not destroy the country's independence. Being assured on this point, the Premier declared that he undertook the difficult task of re-establishing normal relations with Great Britain without impairing the Constitution or prejudicing the national aspirations. It was, he says, unfortunately impossible to associate the existing Chambers with this risk.

The letter states that the Chambers are entirely dominated by the party represented by the previous Cabinet, and the continuation of the Parliamentary debates would only have increased the excitement which caused the situation to grow worse, and would have barred the road to a solution of the conflict.

Therefore, the new Cabinet had to bear alone the grave political responsibility for the situation, and the dissolution of Parliament was an absolute necessity.

The conversations with Great Britain were proceeding favourably, and normal relations had been established.

The majority of the Chamber, by unconstitutional means, had produced a state of conflict between the Ministry and Parliament, making it impossible to convoke Parliament, and such a state of conflict meant that either the Ministry must resign or Parliament must be dissolved.

The letter proceeds to explain that it was not in the interests of the country that the Ministry should resign.

The Premier thereafter strongly criticises the general conduct of the majority of the Chamber, pointing out that a most unsatisfactory situation had been created in the country by their doings, and he finally singles out the manner in which the recent petitions were presented to the King, commenting particularly on the "unconstitutional language" used. The Premier then declares that national aspirations are not the monopoly of any party, and that absolute respect for the Constitution is the sacred duty of every good citizen. The harm done to the country by the manner in which the international political struggles had been carried on should indicate to the electors the new way which they should follow in the interests of the country, and it was to be hoped and desired that the upper classes would take into consideration the fact that the edifice of Egyptian independence could not be constructed in a single day, but only by years of efforts based on civil progress.

Finally, the Premier appeals to each class separately, declaring that experienced men must be elected, men who are sincere, wise, and prudent—men in whose hands the future of the nation can be placed without danger.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES.

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The Commission appointed to consider the long outstanding grievances of the El Azhaie students, relating to better educational facilities and better prospects of Government employment, has presented its report to the Council of Ministers, recommending that satisfaction should be given to the students' claims.—(Reuter.)

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The Court of Cassation has declared valid the election of Ahmed Lufti Bey—a supporter of the Watani Party—as President of the Egyptian Lawyers' Association. When the election was carried out, the Zaghlulists present stated that they intended to protest to the Minister of Justice, on the ground that the necessary quorum was not present to vote.—(Reuter.)

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING DISPUTE.

FORTY-SEVEN ARRESTS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Forty-seven members of the crew of the Zealandic have been arrested on a charge of being absent from the ship without leave. A dispute arose in connection with the men's demand for an extra shore allowance during the fumigation of the vessel.—(Reuter.)

GERMANY'S ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE.

EFFECT OF HER NOTE

GENEVA, Tuesday.

It is not known here at present what will be the outcome of the German Note on the subject of her admission to the League of Nations. It is expected, however, that the Governments which are members of the League will make their views known to the Secretary-General of the League, but, in any case, it is considered that the question is one for the Assembly to decide, in which case it is possible that an extraordinary session of the Assembly may be called. In the meanwhile it is felt here that the apprehensions contained in the German Note in regard to the question of sanctions are exaggerated, and that Germany has nothing to fear, seeing that she will have a permanent seat on the Council of the League, and will thus be able to defend her exceptional position.—(Reuter.)

A MYSTERIOUS BULLET.

BOY INJURED IN CLONMEL.

On Monday morning a boy named Dunne, residing in Kickham street, Clonmel, was walking up School Lane when a bullet struck the wall near him, rebounded, and glanced off his leg above the boot and passed into a house on the other side of the street.

It was a .45 bullet, and, according to the direction that it took, must have been fired from the high point of a field north of School Lane. The boy did not hear a shot and his father, who was in the street, did not hear one either.

SUPPOSED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

MOTHER AND CHILD FOUND DEAD.

The bodies of Edith Miller, aged 35, and her child, May Miller, have been discovered in a room at a house in Clerke street, Bury. The two had not been seen since Monday morning last. Both had been unwell, and receiving medicine. The mother left an unsigned letter, indicating that she was contemplating suicide and taking the child's life.

FARMERS AND THE COUNTY COUNCILS.

Limerick Farmers' Association have held conventions in various parts of the county and selected candidates in the agricultural interest to go forward at the forthcoming County Council elections.

At Newcastle West the co-operation of labour, commerce and agriculture in the matter of representation was suggested. A Labour speaker gave his approval to the suggestion, but awaited instructions from the Executive in Dublin, and the convention was adjourned.

PARTY DISCONTENT.

COMPLAINT OF TOO MUCH INTRIGUE.

TALK OF FURTHER RESIGNATIONS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

"There is no doubt at all that too much petty intriguing has been going on within the organisation during the last six months, and unless there is an end to the nonsense now I am very much afraid that you are going to have more resignations from the Cumann na nGaedheal Party in the near future." This was the opinion expressed by a very prominent deputy, a member of the Ministerial Party, with whom I discussed the reported split in the Cumann na nGaedheal Party yesterday.

"Most of us," he declared, "are heartily sick of being told that the Treaty is not being worked in accordance with this, that, and the other person's ideals. The net result of all the talk is that no one will be given a chance to work the Treaty in any sort of business-like way. There is too much pettifogging criticism, too much cant, and no commonsense.

"The ordinary honest citizen is tired of all this futile talk and intrigue. He has his own conception of the splendid opportunities offered by the Treaty to a people with any real capacity for government. I think that the bulk of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party is anxious that all this humbug about reconciliation and 'Back to the spirit of Collins and Griffith' should stop, and that we should get ahead with our business.

"The Cumann na nGaedheal programme is broad enough to unite under the banner of the Party all those whose desire is that the country should make some progress. For the last two years we have had rather too much talk and too little work, principally because certain little cliques prefer to mouth about national interests and ideals, rather than take a hand in perfecting the system of administration, establishing the country and its industries on a firmer basis, and generally helping to make life more tolerable for the people of the Saorstat.

"It is time that a general meeting of the members of the party should be specially summoned to try to compose the prevailing differences. Personally," added my informant, "I am of opinion that unless something is done at once to put an end to the existing very unsatisfactory state of affairs within the organisation there may be more resignations from the Dail in the new year."

NOTHING NEW.

The situation yesterday provided no fresh developments. President Cosgrave is expected to return to Dublin about the end of the month, so that in all probability he will lose no time in summoning a party conference to discuss the latest of the Free State's little crises.

Yesterday Colonel Joseph O'Reilly, the President's *aide-de-camp*, denied the report that he had left Dublin on Sunday to make a journey to Nice, with the object of acquainting Mr. Cosgrave with the different aspects of the situation.

There is not, I am authoritatively informed, any truth in the statement that Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald has gone to the Continent for the purpose of seeing the President in regard to the same matter. Mr. Fitzgerald at present is enjoying a holiday in the company of his wife. They are both in London at the moment, but it is not unlikely that their holiday will conclude with a brief visit to the Continent.

Mr. Byrne said that he knew nothing of the meeting alleged to have been held in Dublin last Thursday night, nor did he know of any memorandum which was alleged to have been handed to the Press. He said that the position regarding the Cumann na nGaedheal was a peculiar one. Unfortunately he was not at the party meeting when the deputation was sent up to the Standing Committee of the Cumann na nGaedheal, and the meeting of the Standing Committee, at which the decision was made to appoint a new Organising Committee, was called on a twenty-four hours' notice.

Reports had since appeared in the Press of what was described as the "newly-organised Cumann na nGaedheal," of which Mr. J. J. Walsh was chairman. His own constituency executive, at a representative meeting held recently, had demanded information about this newly-organised committee, and declined to recognise it until the whole matter was discussed by the Ard Comharle.

Mr. Byrne did not know anything of any courier having been sent to President Cosgrave in France.

Asked if the Army dispute entered into this controversy, Mr. Byrne emphatically said, "No."

THE FREE STATE LIQUOR BILL.

ITS PRINCIPAL POINTS.

The Irish Free State's Intoxicating Liquor Bill is to be signed by the Governor-General on Saturday next, and from that day it will be the law regulating the sale of drink.

The main changes that it brings about are:—

"DRY" DAYS—All licensed premises, including hotels, must be closed all day on St. Patrick's Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Evidently by an oversight, St. Patrick's Day is not included in the final print of the bill as one of the days on which *bona fide* travellers cannot be supplied.

HOURS—9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for week-days in all publichouses, with 9.30 p.m. closing on Saturday night.

THEATRES—The 10 p.m. closing does not apply to theatre bars, but no one can be admitted to the theatre after 9.30 p.m.

SUNDAY CLOSING—Outside Dublin a District Justice, may, on the written application of a Superintendent or an Inspector of the Garda Siochana, order the immediate closing of all licensed premises for the whole of any one day in any town or village.

RAILWAY BARS—In order to get refreshments at a railway refreshment bar travellers by train must have tickets for a journey of not less than ten miles.

BONA-FIDE TRAVELLERS—The law as to *bona fide* travellers is not changed, except that they cannot be supplied between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, or at all on the three "dry" days.

CREDIT—Under a penalty of £10, with compulsory endorsement, it is an offence to supply on credit drink for consumption on the premises.

STANDARD BOTTLES — The Minister for Justice may fix a standard size for bottles in which intoxicating liquor is sold.

ENDORSEMENTS — The Court must endorse the licence on first conviction for all the more common breaches of the Act, and for adulteration a third endorsement entails forfeiture.

AGE LIMITS—No person under 18 years of age can be supplied with liquor for consumption on the premises. The age for taking out liquor in sealed vessels is raised from 13 to 15. Women under 18 (except certain specified relatives of the licensee) and boys under 16 cannot be employed to sell liquor.

"OFF" LICENSES—The penalty for allowing consumption on an "off" licensed premises is increased to £100 for a first offence, and to forfeiture of the licence for a second offence.

CLUBS—The hours for the sale of drink in clubs are those of the publichouses, except on Sunday, when they are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Clubs appear to be exempt from the "dry" days provision. The restrictions on the hours for sale do not apply "to any club which, at the passing of this Act, is registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act, 1904, until the expiration of the certificate of registration of such club, which shall be in force at the expiration of two months from the passing of this Act." The registration fee is increased to £2.

ILLICIT DISTILLATION — Offenders may be sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour on a first, and twelve months on a second conviction. The Minister may, in any place or area, forbid the possession of any materials capable of use in the making of poteen.

METHYLATED SPIRITS—The sale of methylated spirits is stringently restricted. For the drinking of any quantity of such spirit there is only one penalty, imprisonment for six months.

LATE NEWS.

THE ROMAN JUBILEE

SUPPLICATION AND PENANCE.

The Times, in a leading article on "The Roman Jubilee," says:—To-morrow Christians throughout the world in one spirit and one mind pray, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men"; but while every Christmas brings to all the Divine message, this Christmas brings to the oldest and the most numerous of Christian Churches an especial summons to repentance and prayer. Before the first Vespers of Christmas are sung this evening in St. Peter's Pope Pius XI. will solemnly inaugurate the "Anno Santo," the Year of Jubilee, by opening the Holy Door, which has been walled-up since Leo XIII. closed it at Christmas, 1900. To visit the places hallowed as the scenes of sacred events or as the tombs of saints and heroes is a profound instinct common to all ages, to every race, and to every creed.

The Europe which stood when Leo XIII. closed the last Jubilee on the Christmas Day of 1900 has gone for ever, as the Europe before the Reformation and the Europe before the French Revolution went at their predestined time. As the world looks back, and looks forward, dimly but surely, conscious that the convulsion through which it has passed, has stirred new thoughts and new feelings which are pregnant with results, measureless for good and evil in the minds and hearts of men, the Roman Catholic Church summons her children to a season of supplication and of penance. Most of us are not of her fold, few will join the company of the pilgrims, few follow their ritual, or take part in the appointed jubilee prayer "for the intentions of the Holy Father." But for one of those intentions this Christmas season all may pray as warmly and sincerely as his own flock. With him and with them all may pray together for peace and for good-will.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIA'S STRONG POSITION.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Continuing their second innings to-day, the Australians totalled 260 for 6 wickets.

At the time of telegraphing rain was falling.

THE FRANCO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS.

DEADLOCK DENIED.

The Paris Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—It is declared in official circles that the alarmist accounts which have been published of the state of the Franco-German iron nad steel industrial negotiations do not represent the true position of affairs. It is denied that there is a deadlock. The German iron and steel industry experts will not be back in Paris to resume their conversations until January 8th, which is only two days before the expiration of the special provisions in favour of Alsace Lorraine and the Saar under the Treaty of Versailles. Some critical observers of the negotiations, including the *Journee Industrielle*, have suggested that this represents a deliberate policy of delay on the part of the Germans, who hope to gain large advantages by last minute pressure. In reply to this suggestion, it is asserted in official circles that, in view of the proportions to which the commercial negotiations have spread, both the Germans and the French recognised some time ago that it might not be possible to settle everything by January 10th, and both are willing to establish a *modus vivendi*, which will remain in force from that date, so long as the wider negotiations for a treaty continue.

It is assumed on the French side that, although such a *modus vivendi* may involve modifications in the present commercial relations between the two countries, the changes made will not be so large as to shock or dislocate the regular machinery of commerce.

DEATH OF COLONEL STEWART TAYLOR.

The Times says that Colonel Francis Pitt Stewart Taylor, C.M.G., late of the Royal Army Service Corps, died at East Cowes on Monday, at the age of 55. He was Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General to the Fourth Division during the early part of the war, and in 1915 and 1916 was Brigadier-General Commanding the Adriatic Mission.

BIG TURN-UP IN BUILDING TRADE.

The *Daily Express* says that eleven thousand plasterers and fifty thousand bricklayers have resolved by vote to leave the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives. This, remarks the *Express*, may vitally affect the whole question of housing.

THE FRENCH DEBT TO AMERICA.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND M. JUSSERAND.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

President Coolidge considers that the United States Government can take no notice of M. Jusserand's suggestion, which was expressed in a public address yesterday, for a moratorium in the payment of the French war debt to America. The President feels that comment would be out of place, since the Ambassador chose to make his suggestion to the country by means of a public address, when it was well known that the only way in which such a suggestion could be considered by the American Government was through the channel provided by Congress when it created the Debt Commission.—(Reuter.)

ARMED RAID IN CLONMEL

OVER £100 TAKEN FROM GOODS OFFICE.

A daring raid by armed and masked men took place at the offices of Messrs. Wallis, carriers, at Clonmel Railway Station on Monday evening, and over £100 was carried off.

It appears that Mr. Michael Cleary, clerk-in-charge, was in the office, a small building, near the goods store, at about 6.30 o'clock, when three masked men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and the other with a rifle, appeared. One of them called to Mr. Cleary "hands up," and then demanded the keys of the safe. Mr. Cleary refused to give them, but was obliged to hand them over when the raider threatened him with a revolver.

Two of the raiders opened the safe and the desks, and over £100, including some cheques, was taken from the safe and about £15 in silver from the drawers.

They then went outside. Mr. Cleary followed them, and was met by a man with a revolver there, who ordered him back. When he opened the door again they were gone.

The Civic Guard and the military were soon out scouring the country. Houses were visited and a wide district was covered, and the search continues, but the raiders were not discovered.

ROBBERY IN CORK.

MONEY AND SHOP GOODS TAKEN.

Yesterday morning it was discovered that the premises of Mr. A. A. Levis, South Main street, Cork, had been broken into during the night, and that about £7 in money, with cigarettes, sweets, wine and ham had been taken.

A hole was broken in a brick wall at the back of the premises, and as the hole is small it is believed that the robbery was the work of young persons.

THE MURDER OF AN AUSTRALIAN BANK MANAGER.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Coroner's jury has committed for trial on a charge of wilful murder one of the men who were arrested in connection with the shooting of Mr. Almeida, the manager of the sub-branch of the Commercial Bank in the Hampton suburb of Melbourne.

The second man who was arrested was committed for trial on a charge of aiding and abetting.

A MESSAGE TO ULSTER.

CONFIDENT WORDS BY SIR JAMES CRAIG.

BUSINESS REVIVAL COMING.

"IMPERIAL PROVINCE."

Sir James Craig, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, has issued a message to the people of Ulster from Stormont Castle.

"Once again at this season of Christmas," he says, "I send a message of cordial greeting and good cheer to the people of Ulster, and, in wishing them every joy and happiness, earnestly reiterate my deep appreciation of their unswerving loyalty and magnificent demeanour during 1924.

"The fourth year of our existence as a self-governing portion of the United Kingdom demonstrates beyond all doubt Ulster's capability to manage her own affairs, severe as were the trials experienced in the early period of her new existence, when the re-establishment of law and order was the predominant task that lay to hand. A further test came when that had been accomplished. Social and domestic problems demanded the close attention of her Government and Parliament. Reforms could not be effected without the most careful preliminary investigation into all the matters demanding new legislation. The whole-hearted co-operation of the people enabled the Government to frame measures distinctly in advance of the old laws and to place them upon the Statute Book.

"Our legislative record has been marked by steady progress, reflecting the highest credit upon our Parliamentary institution. The various Acts which have received the Royal Assent and the large grants made in co-operation with local authorities towards the amelioration of unemployment will help us along the road to that ideal state for which we are ever striving.

BONDS WITH BRITAIN.

"The year now drawing to its close has been conspicuous for events which have marked Ulster's close affinity with Great Britain. The visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York was the realisation of the people's ardent wish that the King's son and his gracious consort should come amongst them, and the manifestations of loyalty accorded the Royal visitors revealed once again Ulster's undying devotion to the Sovereign, to Great Britain, and to the Empire.

"The Imperial bond was further strengthened by Ulster's participation in the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, where the Ulster Pavilion, situated in the very heart of the Palace of Industry, revealed the industrial activity of the Province and the multiplicity of its products.

"One especially gratifying feature of 1924 has been the volume of passenger traffic into Ulster from across the Channel. Realisation of the fact that peace and order were established in Northern Ireland brought thousands of British, Colonial and American visitors to our shores, and their sojourn amongst us has enabled them better to realise the character and accomplishment of the Ulster people.

BETTER TIMES AT HAND.

"The economic and industrial life of the Province has been governed by conditions prevailing in Great Britain and throughout the world generally. The continued depression in trade has militated against a revival of industry, but I can safely say that Ulster has maintained her position and is ready to participate to the fullest extent in the revivication of industry. The tide of depression and stagnation has been partially stemmed, and I feel assured that the gradual return to normal economic conditions and the absorption of the men and women who have lacked employment in late years will open up a new era of prosperity. The whole energies of the Government, the captains of industry, and the general public should be directed with even greater vigour towards developing Ulster on still broader lines than ever before. We overcame great difficulties in the past, and I am convinced that united action on the part of all, with the return to stabilised conditions in Europe, will eventually put the coping stone on the prosperity of the Imperial province.

"The results locally of the recent general election demonstrate once again in the most striking manner the fact that Ulster is sound to the core, and that her people are as determined as ever to maintain unimpaired their rights to work out their own destiny as loyal British subjects in accordance with those deep-rooted and inflexible principles which have all along inspired them and their leaders. Whatever the future may hold in store for us we can so long as we remain a united people go forward with courageous and unfaltering hope.

"I earnestly pray that God will vouchsafe to our beloved province in the days that are to come peace, concord and prosperity."

Lady Craig associated herself most heartily with this message of good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

ARRESTS OF COMMUNISTS IN RUMANIA.

BUKHAREST, Tuesday.

Detectives arrested about four hundred Communists this evening in different towns of Rumania. The prisoners belong to secret terrorist societies in touch with the Soviet.—(Reuter.)

AN AUSTRALIAN BISHOP IN DUBLIN.

For the past two months Bishop Phelan, of Sale, Australia, has been in a nursing home in Dublin. His failing strength is causing some anxiety to his friends. Within the past few days he received cable messages of sympathy from Archbishop Mannix, the bishops of the province, and many friends in Australia. Dr Phelan is brother to the Rev. M. J. Phelan, S.J., of Gardiner street, Dublin.

LADY DUDLEY'S NURSES.

We have received, on behalf of the work of Lady Dudley's Nurses, in the West and South of Ireland, £1 from "A Northern Ireland Army Pensioner," £1 1s. from Mr. Thomas Rice, of Portarlington, and a parcel of clothes. These contributions have been forwarded to the headquarters of the Lady Dudley Fund at 33 Molesworth street, Dublin.

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BUSINESS MEN AND GOVERNMENT.

CRITICISM BY DEPUTY GOOD.

LOWER TAXATION ESSENTIAL.

Deputy John Good, President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in the Irish Free State, was entertained by Galway Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, and subsequently addressed a representative gathering in the hall of the Chamber on the need for joining up with the Associated Chambers and on the high taxation.

Mr. Good warned the Government that if they did not reduce the taxation, capital would leave the country, it would be difficult to start new industries to relieve the appalling unemployment, and this condition would become worse if and when Mr. Winston Churchill further reduced taxation in Great Britain.

HOW INDUSTRY IS CRIPPLED.

WHAT MUST BE DONE.

Introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Martin McDonogh, Mr. Good said that they had many men of brains from the country in the associated chambers, and commerce never needed brains more than it did to-day in dealing with the many difficult problems with which it was faced. As he had travelled to Galway he had passed through towns like Mullingar and Athlone, and looking at them he had come to the conclusion that there was no organisation of chambers of commerce in them. They ought to have at least in the 26 counties one live chamber in each county. Instead, they had only nine chambers.

Having quoted the declaration of the President of the United States in regard to the business and civic value of chambers of commerce, in which the President said that "the greatest vitalising force in any community in a free, democratic country to-day is the intelligent, organised public opinion generated by its chambers of commerce," Mr. Good went on to point out that we were suffering in the Free State from 5s. income tax as against 4s. 6d. in England.

"In other words," he said, "our income tax is 2½ per cent. greater than in Great Britain. Added to that we find a corporation profits' tax which amounts to 1s. in the £. That is nothing more or less than another shilling added to the income tax. While that tax continues to exist in the Free State, it was abolished twelve months ago in Great Britain. If we will analyse this we shall find that while we have to carry 5 per cent. additional corporations profits' tax, we have to carry 2½ per cent. by way of additional income tax, and on top of that we have 33⅓ by way of additional postal charges. These charges affect all classes of the community.

APPALLING UNEMPLOYMENT.

"Commercial men are absolutely agreed that one of the greatest difficulties they have to face is this question of taxation. Capital will flow to countries where impediments in the way of high taxation do not exist. But one of the worst features of high taxation is the widespread unemployment it causes. Statements made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce in the Dail on the subject of unemployment were, to my mind, appalling. The figures that he read out amongst the insured members—and that did not represent by any means all the unemployed in the Free State—reached the total of 19 per cent. unemployed. It is an appalling figure, and then it adds to the high cost of living, which, of course, reflects on every other industry."

Proceeding to apply the result of these taxes to a particular industry, Mr. Good continued—"You have in this town a manufactory for fertilisers. You have, first of all, 7½ per cent. as a first charge upon the profits. Let there be no doubt about that. The two taxes I have mentioned—the income tax and the corporation profits tax—are a first charge on the concern whether it pays any dividend or whether it does not. Then the railway companies have got to carry the same burden of charges, and they have got to add this on to their ordinary charges. I do not want to say a word here on behalf of the railway companies, but their burdens were already too high without these additional charges. Railway companies in Great Britain to-day charge of 50 per cent. over the pre-war level. The charges of railway companies in the Free State were 150 per cent. up, and under the recent report, which comes into effect on January 1, we should get something between 15 and 20 per cent. off these rates, so that railway rates in the Free State will still be something over 100 per cent. above the pre-war level, as compared with 50 per cent. on the other side.

"If you add all these together," said Mr. Good, "you see the difficulties we are up against in the Free State. The distributing agent likewise had to carry this burden of charges. If the stuff has to be carried to the other side to compete against manufacturers there, and the shipping company which carries it happens to be registered in the Free State, it has to add on this burden to its charges, because it has to pay it. That gives you some idea of the difficulties that confront those who carry on industries in the Free State to-day."

MEANS TO ECONOMISE.

One of the most urgent needs was that this burden of taxation should be reduced. The Minister of Finance, in a recent conference, had told them that he feared means could not be found to reduce taxation in the Free State. The Chamber replied that means would have to be found. If the taxes in Great Britain came down it would mean that money in this country will leave the country, because it would mean a saving of money to leave the country. This country could not stand an expenditure of 37 millions per annum—something over £11 per head.

Mr. Good said that he was satisfied that the Government of the country can be carried on with a smaller number of Ministers and officials. This country paid in pensions and superannuation allowances five millions per annum. The great burden of income tax went in pensions—30s. per head of the population. No matter how strong the case for the pensions may be, they had got to reduce them.

"It has been said that there is only one panacea for all this, and that is tariffs," Mr. Good went on. "Do not be misled. Tariffs may be a popular proposition, but tariffs may be a two-edged sword, and the subject wants to be approached exceedingly carefully. Will any of you tell me of any tariff to-day that will not affect our principal industry, agriculture? The moment that a tariff tends to increase the cost of living, it works back to increase the cost of production in connection with farming, and it affects that in competition with industries elsewhere."

THREE DESIDERATA.

The things needed most urgently in the Free State to-day, Mr. Good summed up as follows:—

1—Political stability. "We have too much politics and too many politicians," he declared.

2—Freedom from industrial unrest. "We have too many strikes, and these frighten capital and prevent increased employment."

3—Lower cost of production. "This will free industry from the taxes it now has to bear, and will enable it to hold its own in competition."

Mr. Good went on to point out that we paid £8,000 a year more for petrol than they paid in England for a similar quantity. The Associated Chambers in Northern Ireland were working on this problem. They asked the oil companies why it was that we were charged twopence more for petrol in the Free State, and they replied that the costs of distribution were so heavy in Ireland that they had to pay this charge. The Associated Chambers replied that the costs were not larger in Ireland than in Scotland. They replied that for every petrol van that was sent out in Ireland, the unions insisted that two men should be sent out; one to drive and the other to distribute the material, whereas in England and Scotland the one man drove and distributed—in other words, one man actually did more work there than it took two men to do in the poorer country of Ireland ("Shame"). We were paying more in Ireland, and got less work.

VARIOUS VIEWS.

Among other speakers were Professor Eraut, M.A., vice-president of the Chamber, and Professor Rishworth, who said that confidence in our country was chiefly needed. Mr. T. J. W. Kenny said they now had their own country, and they would not go back, whatever the price. Hard thinking and hard work would save the country. Business men had a responsibility to the nation, to themselves, and to those they employed, as great in its own way as was the Government's. Did they think they had fulfilled that responsibility by the largely negative quality of criticism? Did they not think it was their duty to assist the Government by showing them where faults could be corrected and taxation reduced? They certainly would not help them by refraining from voting, as they had done in the business areas of Dublin very recently.

Mr. E. K. Jackson, Vice-President, and Mr. Philip O'Gorman having spoken, Dr. Thomas Dillon, Professor of Chemistry College, Galway, quoted the old Irish proverb, which says that a windy day is not the time for thatching. They had a few windy days in this country. He did not think it was quite the right thing to do, when the storm was only just finished, to say "Look at the fearful state you have left that place in, without any thatch on it." A year in the life of a nation was like a minute in the life of a man, and only a year had passed since this country made any approach to a settlement.

Mr. J. O'Kelly Lynch paid a tribute to Mr. Good for his clear lecture, which was full of common-sense, he said, the quality that was needed to-day more than sunburstery.

The Chairman, in putting the vote of thanks, said that before we started industry in this country, there must be capital, and there must be somebody who can regulate the Labour leaders.

Mr. Good, in replying, said that he was not to be taken as against the Government. "But we, businessmen," he said, "have to take the long view. We have to arrange for our contracts far ahead, and to take every calculable factor into consideration. This present Government has done wonderful work for the country. We businessmen have a training and knowledge that we want to put at the disposal of the Government. We want to help them, and the best way you can help a Government is to show them that by pursuing such a policy, it is likely to lead along a wrong path. I think you are helping the Government in telling them that. Certainly that is my object."

In Ireland they found that while the dancing hall and the picture palace were crowded, the technical school, with its well-appointed benches, was empty.

ROYAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.

Candidates should note that at the last examination 11 appointments were gained by pupils of Rosse College, Stephen's Green. 7 Successes at previous examination.—(Advt.)

THE LATE CARDINAL LOGUE.

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE AT MONTH'S MIND.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell presided at the Month's Mind of the late Cardinal Logue in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, yesterday. There was a large congregation and an immense attendance of clergy. Following the singing of the solemn Office for the Dead, Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Most. Rev. Dr. Mulhern.

In the course of an eloquent panegyric of the dead Cardinal, the Most. Rev. Dr. MacKenna, taking for his text, "Remember your Prelates who have spoken to you the Word of God: considering well the end of their conversation, imitate their faith," said that, in harmony with this injunction of the Apostle, they had come together to honour the memory of the illustrious Prelate and true Father in Christ who for such a length of years spoke to them the Word of God.

They had gathered around this altar, on which he so often offered the Holy Sacrifice for the welfare of our souls, to give him that proof of their love and gratitude which was the last request to them from his dying lips, to pray with all the fervour of their souls in the solemn refrain of the plaintive dirge of the Liturgy: "Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him."

They had come together, also, in that great Cathedral, which proclaimed so eloquently his praises and pleaded so forcibly for their grateful remembrance of him, to recall and dwell for a little with reverence and love on some few features of his life work, and on some of those great virtues which adorned and enriched his life and ennobled his character, that the lesson of his life might sink deep into their hearts to inspire and help them to imitate his faith. He died full of years, full of honours, and full of merits.

His great qualities of mind and heart, the conspicuous virtues which adorned his life, his ripe wisdom, his prudent counsel, his burning zeal for the glory of God and welfare of souls, his fearless courage in defence of the people's faith and virtue, his humility and the simplicity of his life, his unvarying kindness and charity, his unselfish devotedness to and untiring advocacy of every good cause, his incessant labours and glorious achievements for God and souls, his saintly life shed lustre on the high sacred offices to which he was raised, and earned for him from the public a veneration and a love so deep-seated and so widespread as to be, perhaps, unique in the annals of history.

They witnessed striking manifestations of esteem in which this beloved Prelate was held, when, in 1893, in recognition of his great merits, Pope Leo XIII. raised him to the Cardinalate, and so conferred on him the unique distinction of being the first in the long line of successors of St. Patrick to be raised to that dignity. In July, 1905, he celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his episcopacy, and the world witnessed the tribute and honour and affection laid at the feet of His Eminence as filled it with wonder and astonishment. That event coincided with the consecration of their magnificent Cathedral, and Pope Pius X. sent Cardinal Vannutelli as a Special Legate to represent him. All the Bishops of Ireland, many from England and Scotland, and several from foreign lands, and more than five hundred representatives of the secular and regular clergy travelled to Armagh to offer in person their felicitations on the auspicious occasion to the beloved Cardinal. Twelve years later the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood witnessed similar scenes of devotion, and was honoured with an autograph letter from the reigning Pontiff, Benedict XV.

He was a great favourite with the Catholics of the Continent, and where he was personally known, as at Lourdes and Bobbio, he was held in the highest esteem and reverence by bishops, priests, and people.

UNIVERSAL SYMPATHY.

When the sad news of his death became known countless messages of sorrow and sympathy poured in in a practically continuous stream, not only for days, but for weeks. The influence for good which his words of wisdom and the example of his holy life was exercised not only amongst Catholics at home and abroad, but amongst many at home and abroad who were not of the household of the faith. The organs of the Press of every shade of opinion forgot their differences to unite in chronicling the events of his life and in paying graceful and, in most cases, glowing tributes to his memory.

His whole philosophy of life was faith in the one big outstanding fact, which was never for a moment to be forgotten, that we were to live with God for ever in heaven; that we have not here a lasting city, and that our conversation is in heaven.

There were present in the choir:—The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, the Most Rev. Dr. McRory, the Most Rev. Dr. McNeely, the Most Rev. Dr. Finnegan, the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, and the Most Rev. Dr. McHugh.

SHANNON FLOODS.

APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

At the meeting of the Roscommon County Council yesterday a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. P. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Ledwith, calling the attention of the Government to the deplorable flooding at present existing along the Shannon Valley, especially from Athlone to Shannon Bridge, and requesting them to send an inspector at once to this section, with a view to commencing a system of drainage.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

JUBILATIONS BEGIN.

To-morrow (Christmas Day) whatever effect a capricious climate may have on its celebration out of doors, will doubtless be observed in its religious aspect in as devout a manner as in previous years. The Dublin churches, as usual, have arranged attractive Services, the music including carols and appropriate anthems and hymns.

This evening a selection of Christmas carols will be sung in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The carols will include "Good King Wenceslas," "Over the Hills," "The Cherry Tree Carol," "The Holly and the Ivy," "The Master's Garden," and two new carols, "The Twelve Apostles," an old traditional Sussex tune arranged by Vaughan Williams, and "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" by Geoffrey Shaw. The offering will be for the Choir Superannuation Fund."

There will be a special Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral also this evening, when carols will be rendered by the Cathedral Choir.

The usual Christmas Day Services will be held in both the cathedrals. The Archbishop of Dublin will preach at the eleven o'clock Service in Christ Church Cathedral tomorrow, and there will be a festive Service at 3.30 o'clock. The anthem, "There were Shepherds" (Handel) will be sung at both Services. There will be special offerings for the poor of the parishes adjoining the cathedral.

On St. Stephen's Day Christ Church Cathedral and the Crypt will be open to the public from twelve o'clock noon. A lecture on the history of the cathedral will be given by the Dean at 12.15 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

The spirit of charity which should abound at Christmas will find many spheres in which it can exercise itself to advantage in the numerous institutions which make an appeal to the heart. Some of these we have already referred to in a recent issue.

Many entertainments that have been arranged to take place after Christmas will afford relief to the poor, as well as pleasure to those who attend them, and one especially that commends itself is the annual Children's Grand Carnival and Fancy Dress Ball, which will be held in the Round Room of the Mansion House on New Year's Eve, to provide help for the poor children in the West of Ireland and in Dublin.

This carnival is being arranged under the direction of Madame and the Misses Rock, who will be assisted by a large committee. There will be a grand confetti battle, and the Adine Band will play. A grand Christmas tree will hold a present for every child dancer, and there will be six prizes for each costume under the heading artistic, original and cheap. Spectators will be specially catered for at the function.

FINE WORK IN THE WEST.

It is gratifying that Madame Rock and her committee have already been able to send £10 towards relieving poverty in the West of Ireland to the Sisters of Charity of Ballaghaderreen Convent. She has appeals from the St. Vincent de Paul branch of the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, and other bodies whom she hopes to help, and a member of the Educational Board has undertaken to find out where in South Donegal, Mayo West and Kerry the most poverty exists, so that relief may be sent. It is proposed to divide the proceeds of the carnival into five parts, and distribute them in proportion to the needs of the recipient districts. For this reason alone, the carnival deserves a very large patronage.

"ON WITH THE DANCE!"

Mr. T. Leggett Byrne has organised a number of dances during the season. To-night, St. Stephen's Night and Saturday night there will be dances in the Imperial Ballroom (Clery's). Saker's Band and Adelaide Orpheus Band will attend. There will also be a New Year's Eve ball, when Fred. Saker and his band from London and the Adelaide Orpheus Band will play. Mr. Victor Silvester, champion ballroom dancer, writing of the latter band, stated:—"The success of my engagement has been greatly assisted by the splendid playing of the Adelaide Orpheus Band. Their harmony and rhythm leaves nothing to be desired."

The pantomime "Cinderella" will be produced in the Gaiety Theatre and "Babes in the Wood" in the Olympia Theatre on St. Stephen's Day and during the season. "Puss in Boots" will be presented in the Queen's Theatre, and good programmes have been provided for the Royal and the Tivoli and the picture houses.

Entertainments in the Metropole are now on similar lines to those in London and Continental cities. They brighten up the social atmosphere of the festive season, and the entertainment announced for St. Stephen's Night and New Year's Eve include many new features. Booking is proceeding briskly, and the number of tickets is limited. The dances will be under the direction of Miss Rita North and Mr. Val North, and the Adelaide Melody Band will provide the music at both functions.

ROTARY CLUB AND THE CHILDREN.

THE ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.

Yesterday the Dublin Rotary Club gave Christmas treats to the little inmates of various hospitals.

The little patients in the Orthopædic Hospital, Upper Merrion street, Dublin, were afforded some very happy hours. A magnificent Christmas tree, hung with hundreds of gifts and crackers, was placed in the large ward, and all round were the little patients in their cots, while some were seated on the floor.

A jazz band was provided, and a lively programme, including dances, songs, recitations and comical items were given. Rotarians Archer and Brown were in charge, assisted by several ladies and many members of the club. Delightful songs and dances by the young pupils of Miss Mackintosh, of Merton Hall, Fairview, aroused the children's wild enthusiasm, and fascinated the grown up visitors, especially the minuet danced by the Misses Curwen in pretty *poudré* costumes.

Rotarian Keatinge, accompanied by "Bonzo" and "Felix," provided much amusement, and introduced Father Christmas (Rotarian Cunnyngham), who distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Useful help was given by Lady Robinson and Mr. Fred Thompson, Miss Browne, Miss McLoghlan, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, Mr. Gorman, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. and Miss Carton, Mr. and Miss Childs, Mr. F. J. Dowling, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Edward White. The members of the club and their friends contributed to the success of the entertainment.

TEMPLE STREET HOSPITAL.

The club gave their annual Christmas tree entertainment also to the children of the Temple street Hospital. The arrangements were under the control of Mr. H. Sant, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fonso Carton, Miss Conway, Mr. C. V. Montgomery, Mr. J. L. Keogh, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. E. C. O'Brien, Mr. R. W. Ladley, Reginald Keatinge (clown), and "Felix" and "Bonzo" by the Masters Keatinge.

The President, J. W. Beckett, accompanied by Lady Robinson and Mrs. W. B. Cunningham, introduced Father Christmas and distributed toys to the little kiddies.

HARCOURT STREET HOSPITAL.

The Club gave their usual entertainment to the inmates of the Children's Hospital in Harcourt street. The handsome Christmas tree, delightfully illuminated and laden with toys for all the children, was supplied by Viscount Powerscourt, and in addition to all the toys and presents for the children and staff, an attractive entertainment was also supplied by the Club. The arrangements were under the direction of Rotarian James S. McMahon and Mrs. McMahon, assisted by Rotarians Rev. W. J. Crozier, M. F. Rowan, F. Maguire, and A. Child. The performers who kindly assisted were: Professor Albert, whose ventriloquial humour delighted the children; Master and Miss White, whose charming rendering of their Punch and Judy performance was perfect. The other artistes were:—Miss Ruby Donaldson, Miss Dorothy Shea, the Misses Norah and Nita Child, Master W. Coomber and Norman Maguire, F. Maguire, J. G. Dixon; and Miss D. Clark, as a Welsh dancer, was perfect.

Amongst others present and who contributed also to the enjoyment of the evening were: Sir William and Lady Taylor, Miss Wilson (Lady Superintendent), Dr. King (Resident Doctor), Dr. and Mrs. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. George Nesbitt, Dr. Trevor Smith, Lady Robinson.

Father Christmas, who was impersonated by Rotarian W. B. Conyngham, and who was accompanied by Felix the Cat and Bonzo, was presented by the President, Mr. Walter Beckett, and the Secretary, Mr. W. A. McConnell, to the children, who enjoyed the many toys, books, etc., which were so thoughtfully provided by the Rotary Club.

PARTY AT MOLESWORTH HALL.

Molesworth Hall, Dublin, presented a very bright and cheerful aspect yesterday on the occasion of a Christmas party held by the Misses Mallins. Over 300 children, whose ages ranged from two to seventeen years, attended and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, enlivened with music and games. For the older children and grown-ups a dancing programme was arranged, Miss Walton and Miss O'Connor supplying the music.

Among those present were Dr. de Courcy Wheeler's three children and niece, the Archbishop of Dublin's daughter, Barbara; Mrs. Basil Thompson's five children, the Provost of Trinity's grandchildren, Mrs. Forbes Russell's little boy, Joan and Bunty Stewart, Phoebe and Jocelyn Otway-Ruthven, Barry and Mary Lillis, Eileen Ashe, Oliver Ryan, and Mrs. Sinnott Glenn's daughter, Pat.

POST OFFICE ASSISTANTS.

Limited Competition Announced.

Oral and Correspondence Classes for all eligible Candidates resume on December 29th at SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

EFFECTS OF THE GALE.

SEVERAL VESSELS ASHORE.

LATE CROSS-CHANNEL ARRIVALS.

As the result of Monday night's gale, vessels which were due in the Liffey yesterday morning arrived several hours late at their berths.

The Glasgow steamer, which usually reaches the North Wall at 7.30 a.m., was nine hours late. She had one of the roughest crossings in her history, but when she berthed at 4 p.m. her passengers apparently were little the worse of a very trying experience. The boat itself, which behaved well on the long journey, suffered no damage.

The British and Irish Steampacket Company's steamer, Lady Louth, from Liverpool, also experienced the full fury of the gale, and her decks were constantly swept by heavy seas. She carried a large number of passengers as well as cargo. Timid passengers were alarmed at the breaking of the seas over the vessel, but the ship's officers did their best to reassure them. All were glad when the North Wall came in view.

In the course of a conversation after his arrival in the port the captain described the gale as a very bad one. It was responsible for the delay of his vessel in reaching the Liffey, but the Lady Louth behaved splendidly. The steamer made the return journey to Liverpool last night with passengers and cargo.

ASHORE ON SOUTH DOWN COAST.

LIVERPOOL STEAMER'S POSITION.

The ss. Katherine, a Liverpool vessel, which grounded on Dundrum Bar on Sunday night last, was reported yesterday morning to be lying in a fairly sheltered position. Yesterday Commander Kay, chief salvage officer of the Liverpool Salvage Association, and Mr. Tillings, superintendent for the owners of the Katherine (Messrs. Monks), arrived in Belfast from Liverpool, and proceeded to Dundrum to take charge of the vessel, on which the crew still remain. The Katherine is lying on the sandy beach to the northward of the entrance to the bay, and another of the owner's steamers, which was ordered from Newry to proceed to the spot, is standing by to render assistance. It is expected some of the coal cargo will have to be jettisoned before the steamer can be refloated.

The Katherine was on a voyage from Maryport to Dundrum, and had on board a local pilot. She was at anchor off the bar for some time before going aground during a fierce south-westerly gale.

The Newcastle lifeboat went out to the aid of the distressed steamer, but Captain O'Keefe declined assistance, and the lifeboat returned to her station yesterday afternoon.

BELFAST STEAMER AGROUND.

ONE MAN LOST.

Messrs. John Kelly, Ltd., Belfast, received a telegram yesterday evening that their steamer Claremorris has gone ashore south of Corsewall Point (Wigtownshire), and that James Thompson, one of the crew, was drowned when going ashore.

The telegram was sent by Captain Dinsmore from the post office at Ervie, near Stranraer. All the other members of the crew are safe.

The Claremorris left Dundalk for Ardrossan light at 8 p.m. on Monday, and is believed to have gone ashore at about 6 a.m. yesterday. Thompson, the ill-fated man, was a lamp trimmer. He was 23 years of age, unmarried, and a native of Portavogie, Co. Down. Captain Dinsmore belongs to Larne. The Claremorris is one of the largest of the Kelly fleet, being 632 tons gross. She was built in 1917.

A later telegram from Stranraer states that the vessel will probably be a total loss. All hands are standing by the ship endeavouring to secure their effects.

TWENTY-ONE MEN RESCUED.

DUNDEE STEAMER IN PERIL.

During an easterly gale on the East coast of Scotland yesterday morning the Dundee steamer Chingford, from Dundee to Grangemouth, with a half cargo of wood, was driven ashore about a mile east of Crail, Fifeshire. The St. Andrews and Crail rocket brigades rescued six of the crew of twenty-one, and the Anstruther lifeboat rescued the remainder. The vessel will probably be refloated.

ALL NIGHT ON AN ISLAND.

WESTMEATH LADS' EXPERIENCE.

On Sunday afternoon six young fellows from Mullingar took a boat on Lough Ennel and pulled out to Dysart Island, a couple of miles away. Soon after they had landed they found that their boat was in such a condition that it could not make the return journey, and they were compelled to spend the night on the island in the storm.

In the morning search parties discovered them with the aid of field glasses, but the storm was then so bad that few cared to venture to their assistance. Mr. Stanislaus Killian, Mullingar, got a boat, and with much difficulty succeeded in reaching the island and taking off the young fellows. The return journey in the teeth of the gale was a very anxious experience, but land was safely reached just as darkness was falling.

LITTLE DAMAGE IN CORK.

After six o'clock yesterday morning, when the wind abated, the coal vessels which were overdue arrived safely in Cork Harbour.

Beyond the blowing down of slates from houses and the uprooting of trees, no serious damage is reported in Cork.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

THEFT OF HAMS.—In the Dublin District Court yesterday Francis Plunkett and Patrick Mulvey, both 60 years old, were remanded on a charge of breaking into the wholesale stores of Joseph Ricaby, 33 Garden lane, and stealing therefrom hams to the value of £60.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE STREET.—Dr. L. A. Byrne, Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at Mercer's Hospital touching the death of Mrs. Mary McDonnell, of 10 Bishop's street, who was brought to that institution on Monday. The evidence was that she collapsed in the street, and that heart trouble was the cause of death.

ARMED MEN IN A SHOP.—Before Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Dublin District Court yesterday, James Byrne (17½) and Peter Byrne (18½), both of 3 Adelaide road, Glasthule, were charged—(1) that, while armed, between 10 and 11 p.m. on the 20th inst., they entered the shop, 47 Sandycove road, "held up" the proprietor, Mr. James Green, and stole 10s. in silver and two boxes of Player's cigarettes, valued at £1; (2) that they assaulted Green by presenting a revolver at his breast; and (3) that they were in illegal possession of a revolver. A remand was granted.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. MALLON.—Last Thursday evening a representative gathering of agents, officials, members of the Irish Board and delegates of the Royal Liver Friendly Society met at the Metropole Restaurant to do honour to Mr. P. Mallon, a delegate for many years. Mr. A. Byrne, T.D., presided. After a complimentary speech, in which he eulogised Mr. Mallon for all the good work he had done on behalf of the Society and its workers, he said it gave him much pleasure to offer him, on behalf of the staff and Royal Liver friends, a gold watch, suitably engraved. Mr. Mallon, in accepting the gift, thanked the donors, and said that he felt that he had only done his duty. Messrs. J. H. McNamare, J. Depoe, J. Curran, J. Hanlon, W. Mulligan, and J. Walsh spoke of the many admirable qualities of Mr. Mallon and the value of the work he had done for the Society and its workers in Ireland.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS:—Miss Brasendale, J. O'Keeffe, Mrs. O'Keeffe, J. Crean, Mrs. White, K. O'Leary, W. Branahan, Mrs. F. M. Dowley, Miss E. Lucas, Miss L. Boyle, Dr. Reever, Miss K. Drenan, S. M. McKeever, Captain McCarthy, M. C. H. Tighe, N. J. Cochrane, M. J. Kelly, Captain Kirby, Mrs. Spratt, Dr. Gill, F. Moran, A. Sinclair, W. Gibbon, Captain Taaffe, M. J. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Lawless, Mrs. D. Sutherland, T. B. Kennedy, J. O'Brien, Mrs. Wood, Miss A. Gregg, Dr. Regan, Captain McEvoy, G. G. Crawford, G. W. Murray.

DEPARTURES:—Miss Shea, J. Crean, E. J. Brown, Captain Henry, Rev. Father J. J. Cogan, S. Somerville, E. C. Price, J. H. D. Fidler, A. Strain, A. Stewart, Courtney Gabbett, R. H. Taylor, E. Hudson, Major Beardwood, Dr. Kingsmill Moore, A. E. Terry, C. Patterson, Miss Cook, T. Maxwell, Miss Mellor, Miss Moore, J. Whitaker, W. W. Halliburton, Miss Goulding, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, T. H. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Miss McLumpha.

CONNAUGHT.

WHERE FOWL ARE CHEAP.—At the Boyle fowl market on Saturday prices were: Turkeys, hens, 5s. 6d.; cocks, 10s. to 12s. 6d.; geese, 4s. and 5s. 6d. At the Strokestown market, turkeys fetched about 10d. per lb.; geese, 3s. 6d. to 5s. each.

REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.—A number of Sinn Fein clubs in the counties of Roscommon, Sligo, and Leitrim have passed resolutions against the continued imprisonment of Republican prisoners in the Free State and English jails, and demand their unconditional release.

APPOINTMENT OF A RATE COLLECTOR.—There were four applicants for the position of rate-collector at the meeting of the Roscommon County Council yesterday. Mr. W. Carron, Rooskey, Ballaghaderreen, was appointed by 8 votes to 7 given for Mr. James McDermott, Derryhipps.

FLUKE IN SHEEP.—At a meeting of the Roscommon County Council yesterday, Mr. Michael Brennan (Chairman) said that the Department of Agriculture should be asked to take some action to check the serious outbreak of fluke among the sheep in the county. A resolution was passed calling the Department's attention to the matter.

LEINSTER.

ILL-TEMPERED GOAT SHOT.—A man named Flynn was injured by a male goat on a farm near Geashill when he tried to drive off the animal with a pitchfork. Medical aid had to be procured for the injured man. A fellow-workman, who went to Flynn's assistance, was caught on the goat's horns and flung some distance away. The goat was afterwards shot by its owner.

FORGERY CHARGES.—At Carlow District Court informations were refused by District Justice Molloy in the case in which Mr. Peter P. Doyle, an official of the County Council, was alleged to have falsified the Motor Taxation Accounts, and to have forged a declaration form, embezzling the sum of £77 11s. A young woman named Margaret Troy, Rathnagearin, charged with forging the endorsement of a cheque for £36 8s., was allowed out under the Probation of Offenders Act, undertaking to pay back the unrecovered sum of £10 19s. 6d.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—Mr. Patrick Gorman, of Ballyowen, Philipstown, King's County, has died at the age of 101 years. He retained all his faculties to the last.

MUNSTER.

ORCHESTRA "HELD UP."—The Nenagh Symphony Orchestra, while driving to Cloughjordan on Saturday night to play at a dance, were held up on the road by a number of men, who compelled them to return to Nenagh.

NORTH TIPPERARY RATES.—At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the North Tipperary County Council, Mr. R. E. Bayly, Secretary, reported that all the rate collectors had closed their warrants, and that Tipperary was one of the few counties of which this could be said.

DAMAGED BRIDGES IN COUNTY LIMERICK.—At the Limerick County Council meeting a discussion took place relative to the repair of damaged bridges in the county. It was stated that although the 6d. rate in regard to these structures had been paid to the Government, the Council had not got from them the funds necessary for the permanent repair of the bridges. It was decided to write to the Government to fix a day when a deputation from the Council could be received in reference to the subject.

CLARE FARMERS' UNION.—Mr. P. J. Healy, Moyarta Cottage, Carrigaholt, has been appointed Secretary to the Clare Farmers' Union. The salary for the office, which is a whole-time one, is £60 a year, with 30 per cent. commission on branch subscriptions.

GRANT OF £1,000 FOR RELIEF WORK.—The Local Government Department has informed the Ennis Urban Council that they are prepared to make an immediate grant of £1,000 for relief works in the town, subject to the condition that a further sum of £200 will be provided out of the local rates, and the work carried out under the regulations prescribed by the Department.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

"SLEEPY" SICKNESS IN BELFAST.—There are at present thirteen cases of "sleepy" sickness in the Belfast Union Hospital, three having been admitted within the past week. There are eighty-five cases of scarlatina.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the Senate of Queen's University, Belfast, yesterday, the Right Hon. Hugh O'Neill presiding, Sir Hiram Wilkinson was re-appointed Pro-Chancellor. Sir William Whitla was appointed a Pro-Chancellor in the room of the late Sir Samuel Dill. Dr. John A. Milroy was appointed J. C. White Professor of Bio-Chemistry. Dr. V. Douglas Allison was appointed Lecturer in Bacteriology.

THEFT OF PETROL TINS.—The Londonderry magistrates returned for trial two men named John Corbett, Foyle road, and John Gorman, 16 Lower road, on the charge of stealing twelve empty petrol tins. Informations were refused in the case of Charles Keenan, trading as Keenan and Co., who was charged with receiving the tins, knowing them to have been stolen.

OLD-AGE PENSIONER'S KEEP.—At the meeting of the Londonderry Board of Guardians, a letter was read from the Northern Ministry of Home Affairs stating that the Guardians could not legally compel an old-age pensioner who was admitted to the Workhouse Infirmary to contribute out of his pension towards the cost of his maintenance. In some instances pensioners did contribute, but this was by a voluntary agreement which was not enforceable if they refused to carry it out.

U.S. MARKETS.

IRREGULAR CLOSING OF STOCKS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened irregular. Confused movements prevailed throughout the session, due to higher call-money rates and various dividend developments. Anaconda Copper and New York Ontario advanced on the resumption of dividends, but Pittsburg Coal weakened owing to the default of the quarterly dividend, while American Can was sold on the extra dividend being disappointing. The market closed irregular. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,140,000 shares. Money on call closed strong at 5 per cent. bid and 5¼ per cent. asked. Actual business ranged from 3½ to 5 per cent. with the ruling rate 3½ per cent. The last loan was made at 5 per cent. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. lower for foreign mined at 67⅞.

The American Can Co. has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent., and an extra 2 per cent.

The New York Ontario and Western Railroad has declared a dividend of 1 per cent., the first since October, 1921.

The Anaconda Copper Co. has resumed the quarterly dividends of ¾ per cent.

The Pittsburg Coal Co. has defaulted the quarterly dividend.

Erie Railroad 4 per cent. General Lien Bonds declined ½.

Call Money	4b. 4½a.	5b. 5¼a.
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.67⅞	4.66¾
Do. do Demand Bills	4.70⅛	4.69½
Cable Transfers	4.70⅜	4.69¾
Do. Montreal	4.72	4.71
Exchange Paris, cable	5.30½	5.38½

Eng. Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices Mon.	Business Done Tues.
108⅛	U.S. Funded	102¾	102¾
124¾	Atch. Top., Santa Fe	118	117¾
101⅛	Do. Preference	94⅛	95
83⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	80	78⅛
159⅛	Canadian Pacific	150⅛	151⅛
98⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	93½	92⅞
17	Chic., Mil., & St. Paul	16⅛	16
75⅛	Chicago and N.-West	72⅛	71
32⅛	Erie Shares	31¼	30¼
47¾	Erie 1st Preferred	44⅜	44⅞
77⅞	Great Northern Pref.	73⅞	72¾
122⅛	Illinois Central	115	115
82⅛	Lehigh Valley	77⅞	77⅛
112⅛	Louisville & Nashville	106⅛	106
29¾	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	28¾	28
33¼	Missouri Pacific New	32	31¼
5⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	5	5
2⅛	Do. 2nd Pref.	1⅞	2
123⅛	N.Y. Cil. & Hudson R.	118½	118¾
136⅛	Norfolk and West Com.	130⅞	128¾
74⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	70⅛	70
27⅞	Ontario and Western	25⅛	26¼
51⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	43⅞	43⅞
77⅛	Reading Shares	74⅛	73
40⅛	Do Preferred	38⅛	38
82⅛	Southern Railway	78¾	77¼
108¾	Southern Pacific	102½	101¾
47⅛	Texas and Pacific	45⅛	44⅛
158⅞	Union Pacific	149⅛	149
79¾	Do. Pref.	74⅞	74⅛
22⅛	Wabash Common	21⅛	21¾
59⅛	Do Preferred A.	56⅞	56⅞
95⅛	American Smelt. and Refining	90¾	90
46⅛	Anaconda Copper	42⅞	44⅛
26⅛	British-American Tobacco Ord.	25¾	25¾
89⅛	Utah Copper	82⅛	84
81	New York Consolidated Gas	76⅞	76⅛
309⅛	General Electric	296	290¾
168½	National Lead	161⅛	158¾
125	United States Steel Common	118⅛	117⅛
129⅛	Do. Pref.	121	121¾
51⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	49	48⅔
—	Silver Commercial Bars	67¾	67¾
63⅛	General Motors (New)	60⅞	60
13⅛	Inter. Mer. Marine Com Certs.	13⅛	13
48¾	Do. Pref. Certs.	44	43⅛
52⅞	Royal Dutch Ordinary	48⅞	49¾
42	Shell Ordinary	39⅛	39⅛
66	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	63⅞	62
19	Anglo-American Oil	18	17⅞
22	Shell Union Oil Corp.	21¼	20¾
41¾	U.S. Rubber	39⅛	39¾
	BONDS.		
93⅛	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	88¼	88⅛
67⅛	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	64⅞	63⅞
—	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	—	—
96⅛	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	90⅛	90⅛
110⅛	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104½	104¾
122⅜	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	115¼	115
111¾	Do do 1937	104⅞	105

*Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex interest. § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

WHEAT firm, ½c. to 2½c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	183½	182
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	189½	189¾
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	182½	181½
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	199¾	196½

	To-day	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	704	—	194,179	148,776
Clearances	710	—	188,664	133,686

(In thousands of bushels.)

Wheat sales for export—40 boatloads.

RYE—No. 2, spot, 155¼.

BARLEY—American malting, 100.

MAIZE firm, 1¼c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot	141	139¾

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts-Atlan.	34	—	5,233	6,222
Clearances	—	—	1,454	1,820

(In thousands of bushels.)

The visible supply of wheat in Canada increased 1,365,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 27,922,000 bushels.

LARD easy, 10 to 15 points lower. Prime Western steam, 17.32½; Middle West, 17.00 to 17.10.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 7.50 to 8.00.

Freights—Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter, 2/6 to 3/-.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100 lbs., 12c. to 14c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100 lbs., 35c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100 lbs., 50c.

RUBBER barely steady; first latex crepe, 38½ sellers; smoked ribbed sheets, 38½ sellers.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	1.10	1.10
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Pennsylvania crude	2.75 2.85	2.75 2.85

COFFEE opened irregular, January option was depressed by liquidation, and other positions declined owing to easier Brazilian markets and selling by commission houses; but the market rallied on buying by trade interests, New Orleans houses, and importers. The market closed irregular, 70 points down to 17 points up. Spot steady and unchanged. Rio No. 7 spot, 22¼; Santos No. 4 spot, 26¾. Approximate day's sales—31,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	21.80	20.80	20.10	19.25
Prev. day	21.95	21.90	19.9	19.15
	June.	July.	Sept.	
To-day	19.00	18.75	18.05	
Prev. day	18.85	18.58	17.95	

SUGAR easy, 10 to 5 points lower. Centrifugal Cuban, spot, steady; 96 test Centrifugal Cuban, 4.77. Approximate day's sales—23,000 tons. The Cuban sugar port receipts for the week amounted to 15,000 tons and the stocks 16,000 tons. 3,200 bags of Cuban sugar were sold to-day at 4.65 for shipment first half of January.

Options—	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.
To-day	3.25	2.81	2.79	2.90	3.01
Prev. day	3.35	2.91	2.85	2.96	3.08

TALLOW steady, ⅛c. up; extra loose, 10⅛c.

COTTONSEED OIL steady; prime summer yellow spot, 11.65. Options, January, 11.41; March, 11.59; May, 11.94; July, 12.10.

SHELLAC—T.N., spot, 64.

TURPENTINE—Spirits of turpentine, 85¼; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 79¼.

RESIN—Grade F, 6.32½; K, 6.75; WW, 8.65.

BURLAPS dull. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 8.20; heavy-weight, 9.95.

METALS—Tin firm, 50 points dearer. Spot 57.62½; future option, 57.75. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady, 7½ points up, 9.87½. Zinc steady, 7½ points higher. East St. Louis spot, 7.65. Iron steady. No. 2 American Northern Foundry, 23.00 to 23.50. Electrolytic Copper steady. Spot, 14¼; futures, 14¼. Steel—Bessemer Rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat steady and unaltered. No. 2 hard winter spot, 171¼.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat dull. No. 2 red winter spot nominal.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat steady, ¼c. higher. No. 1 Northern spring, 167¼.

DULUTH—Flaxseed, May, 297.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed, March, 19.50.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened steady, ¼c. to ⅜c. up, and closed firm, 2c. to 1¼c. dearer. Opening options—May, 178½; July, 175¼. Closing options—May, 180¼; July, 176⅞. Oats steady, ¼c. up. Closing option—December, 63. Flaxseed, May, 265.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	74	51
No. 2 Northern	109	52
No. 3 Northern	121	50
No. 4 Northern	156	66
Other grades	237	108
Total	697	327

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, 5 points up to unchanged on firm cable advices. Wall street support and private reports of increased activity among Southern spinners. A reaction set in, however, on favourable official weather reports, fears of large January "notices," smaller exports, and selling by spot and foreign interests. The market closed irregular, 20 to 32 points down. Spot quiet at 20 points fall. New Orleans spot 25 points lower.

Mr. W. Arthur Shelton estimates the total yield at 13,502,000 running bales.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans 23.60.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 15,000 bales; Gulf ports, 28,000 bales; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 32,000 bales. Exports—Great Britain, 2,000 bales; Continent, 18,000 bales; Japan, nil.

New York futures in the last twenty seconds of trading:—December, lowest 23.38, highest 23.38; January, 23.37, 23.38; February, 23.58, 23.58; March 23.78, 23.81; April, 23.94, 23.94; May, 24.15, 24.17; June, 24.22, 24.22; July, 24.28, 24.28; August, 23.82, 23.82; September, 23.92, 23.92; October, 23.74, 23.75; November, 23.79, 23.79.

New Orleans futures in the last minute of trading:—March, lowest 23.71, highest 23.73; May, 24.01, 24.03.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT opened irregular, ⅛c. higher, on bullish cable advices and strength of outside markets; then reacted owing to the poor export enquiry, favourable weather in the South-West and liquidation. The market rose again on commission house buying, smaller receipts and in unison with corn, but finally eased off on selling by cash houses, closing steady, however, and 1⅛c. to ⅛c. up on the day. Spot easy.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter spot	169⅛	172
No. 3 Hard Winter spot	169	169¾
Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May.
To-day	168⅛	172⅛
Prev. day	172⅛	176
Futures—Closing options—	Dec. May	July
To-day	169¾ 173¾	148⅛
Prev. day	168¾ 172⅛	147⅛

	To-day.	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	811	—	394,144	245,181

(In thousands of bushels.)

MAIZE opened irregular, ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower, on larger receipts and liquidation, but soon rallied owing to unfavourable weather, a better cash demand, commission house buying, predictions of continued adverse weather and covering of shorts. The market closed firm, 2½c. to 1⅛c. dearer.

	To-day.	Prev. day
Spot No. 2 mixed	124	123
Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May
To-day	122	127
Prev. day	122¾	127¾
Futures—Closing options—	May	July
To-day	124⅛ 129⅛	129⅛
Prev. day	122¾ 127⅛	127⅛

	To-day	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	986	—	117,890	123,941

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. gain.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	58¾	63¾	61⅛
Prev. day	58	62⅞	61¾

RYE—No. 2 spot, 144¼.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May
To-day	145	151⅛
Prev. day	144	151

PROVISIONS opened easy, and prices were depressed owing to scarcity of buyers and unfavourable European advices. The market rallied partially later on shorts showing more disposition to cover, also owing to the firm hog market and professional support. The closing was steady, with lard 2½ to 5 points down, and ribs unchanged to 2½ points lower.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.57½	16.75	16.95
Prev. day	16.60	16.77½	17.00
Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	15.10	—	15.62½
Prev. day	15.10	—	15.65

BACON steady and unaltered.

Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average), 15.00.

HOGS firm, with light sorts 5 to 15 points and heavy 10 to 20 points dearer. Light hogs, 8.35 to 10.00; heavy hogs, 10.20 to 10.60.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	166,000	—
Chicago	55,000	—

The receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st, total 7,259,000, against 7,036,000 same season last year.

We represent that section of the working class that does not believe in continuity of policy.—Mr. Saklatvala, M.P.

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There is a display of the very latest and smartest Afternoon and Evening Gowns at Marleen Salons, 114 Stephen's Green.

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If you will come to Marleen you will be sure to find a Gown that suits you perfectly.—(Advt.)

ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

WOOLWICH AND SANDHURST.

ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE.

The following are declared by the Civil Service Commissioners to be the successful candidates at the competition held in November, 1924; but their admission is conditional on their having passed a medical examination. A table of marks will be sent to each candidate as soon as possible.

WOOLWICH.

Armitage, B. S.; Browne, A. C. L.; Keen, A. S.; Cotton, H. E.; Hill, F. M.; Walter, A. E. M.; Denison, G. T.; Richards, G. C.; Lloyd R. E.; Johnson, J. P.; Smyth, D. M.; Sallitt, W. B.; Dixon, A. N.; Lacey, J. H. S.; Tutton, J. T. S.; Burke, R. M. P.; Bethell, R. H. W.; Barker, J. N.; Purcell, F. H. V.; Adams, J. B.; MacFarlan, J. K.; Stirling, W. G.; Foster Barham, A. G.; Rouse, R. F. R.; Van der Goot, D. N.; Severin, I. St. Q.; Thomas, G. A.; Haig, M. H.; Page, F. C. G.; Gray, W. J. S.; Hayman-Joyce, T. F.; Ivimey Simmons, D.; Dalton, J. C. D'A.; Jackson, E. H. A.; Bingham, D. L. C.; Tollington, H. D.; Crompton, R. E.; Myers, E. C. W.; Phillips, A. E.; Tucker, W. G.; Wilson, W. B.; Lupton, J. R.; Hughes, A. C.; Skeen, O. St. J.; Wood, E. C. A.; Whitehead, R. T.; Fitzgerald, G. L.; Godwin, J. F.; Bell, G. B.; Biddulph, R.; Hudson, A. B.; Foster, M. A.; Dryland, L. W. J.; Blunt, J. E. C.

SANDHURST.

Borradaile, H. A.; Cassels, A. J. H.; Beaty-Pownall, C. C.; Goring, A.; Massie, T. A.; Head, A. H.; Thom, D. St. C.; Raven, J. A.; Laing, W. D. F.; Sandison, W.; Bean, L. H.; Hope-Dunbar, B. D.; Burton, G. W. S.; Tregear, V. W.; Keen, E. C. A.; Cumberlege, C. A. M.; MacKenzie, A. U.; Hope, J.; Sivewright, B. R. B.; Hay, K. G. C.; Campbell-Meiklejohn, K. C.; Iles, F. F. C.; Vaughan, J. N. E.; Archer-Shee, J. P.; Smith, R. T.; Bazalgette, J. E. A.; Standley, B. L.; Smyth, K. B.; Barnett, F. H. W.; Wilbraham, T. R.; Wright, G. T.; Cleaver, C. A. S.; Houison Craufurd, A. J.; Hoblyn, J. M. C.; Clark, H. P. C.; Hodding, G. W. P.; Ogilvie, A. A.; Stuart, R. C. B.; Roberts, G. P. F. J.; Bearne, S.; Brown, J. W.; Luck, R. F.; Neilson, G. L.; Sinclair, J. R.; Phelps, G. A.; Edmunds, J. S. R.; Stapleton, G. S.; Channer, L. N.; Wright, S. C.; Bird, B. C. B.; Russell, R. G.; Clifford, W. H.; Ferguson, I. E. de B.; Brewster, L. V. A.; D'Arch Smith, C. H.; Barnes, W. A. F.; Meares, D.; Butterworth, F. W. N.; Smith A. W. A.; Johnson, C. A. R.; Clarke, A. B. S.; Green, S. J. H.; Chapman, P. G.; Foord, E. J.; Elderton, A. C. R.; Bellville, G. D. A.; Lawrance, J. M.; Hill, K. C.; Martin, F. L.; Gore, T. G.; Mayes, G. W. C.; Stephens, M. S. C.; Butler, R. S.; Coulter, R. A.; Thompson, C. S. B.; Gibbs, E. L.; Legard, C. P. D.; Gemmell, A. S.; Cornish-Bowden, H. G.; Cuerden, F. E. F.; Dawson, C. E. L. S.; Thompson, R. C.; Ridout, D. G. B.; Francis, F.; Russell-Leonard, C. M.; Else, F. H.; Greenway, J. W. H. K.; Crofton, M.G.; Goschen, J. A.; O'Hagan, C. C. O.; Dunlop, A.; Wignall, F. E. B.; Ray, P. O. C.; Exham, R. K.; O'Neill, S. E. R.; Osborne, W. M. P.; Edwards, C. A.; Howard, C. S.; Smith, K. C. C.; Stent, H. J. R.; Roper, Caldbeck A. T.; Cruddas, G. J.; Strachey, R. J. S.; Vernon, J. C.; Young, F. E.; Hermon, R. A.; Fothergill, C. F.; Ducat-Hammersley, H. J. C.; Suther, C. A. I.; Chauncy, R. A.; Schreiber, R. S.; Cox, C. F.; Clench, G. R. McD.; Falkiner, L. L.; Watt, T. A. A.; Orlebar, J. H. R.; Pepys, Hon. J. D. T.; Palk, R. W.; Gough, H. M.; Warren, W. A. A.; Bayley, P. G.; Newnham, A. C. H.; Wren, W. A.; D'Apiece, J. A. C.; Coburn, D. F.; Martin, A. G.; Scott, G. G.; Moller, J. H.; Ward, C. A. H.; Lewis, J. C.; Ashton, P. J.; Hickie, C. P. E.; Heywood, J. L.; Goodfellow, J. R. B.; Williams, T. E.; McOran, Campbell T. J.; Ferguson, S. C. D.; MacLeod, D. C.; Thompson, A. H.; Brunskill, K. R. L.; Davis, R. A.; Bradford, C. J.; Kidston, G. J.; Forde, D. C.; Tedder, H. J.; Bucher, F. M.; Grosvenor, G. H.; Trotter, J. G.; Stuart, N. J. B.; Nunn, J. B.; Douglas, C. P.; Mortimer, R. L. D.; Reynolds, T. H. W.; Metcalfe, C. Le S.; Dyas, J. H.; Fell, R. L.; Cooper, C. E. D.; Ward, E. Le H.; Home Drummond Moray, A. C. S.; Baker, H. C. A.; Gordon-Carmichael, D. D.; Trevor, L.; Holt, A. J. R.; Alexander, C. L.; Tweedie, J. W.; Huxham, H. C. D.; Kirkwood, G. M. T.; Collinsplatt, C. H.; Allen, C. H. B.; Wilson, E. C.; Wrigley, B. F.; Willis, C. R. D'A.; Wilkins, J. F.; Tisdall, E. E. P.; Guinness, T. L. E. B.; Edwards, P. H. B.; Roche, U. E. B.; Alers Hankey, C. H. A.; Richardson, G. W. L.; Seagrim, J. H.

King's Cadets who have qualified:—Clifford, R. V.; Daniell, A. W. E.; Dawes, G. P.; Harman, R. L.; Collins, R. G. T.; Keating, J. C.

King's India Cadets who have qualified:—Walker, J. G. B.; Connell-McDowell, B. E. A.; Stevenson-Hamilton, V. E. O.; Woods, E. G.; Todd, T. T.; Gunning, J. H.; Pritchard, J. A. L.

CRANWELL.

Richards, R. C.; Sandeman, A. W.; Watt, P. M.; Watts-Read, A. M.; Francis, C.; Johnson, J. C. A.; Teale, R. P.; Brown, R. J. D.; Bemrose, W. H.; Biggs, F. D.; Coates, P. U.; Blain, W. N.; Macnamara, J. R. J.; Elderton, P. C. I.; Blackden, V. Q.; Saye, G. I. L.; Lewis, E. C.; Hunt, E. W.; Brown, R.; Brereton, J.; Leeson, F. J.; Wood, L. G. H.; Sheffield, G. N. H.; Murray, R. O.; Watson, E. J.; Wheeler, H. G.; Sarel, A. R.; Stowell, R. A. T.; Young, D. O.; Lewis, G. F.

Honorary King's Cadet who has qualified:—Norwood, J.

THE PROB[...] THE SL[...]

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SUGGESTIONS A[...] MEETI[...]

Sir Joseph Glynn, [...] Council of Ireland, presi[...] quarterly meeting of the [...] Dublin Conferences of t[...] Vincent de Paul, held [...] House. He said this was [...] they had held under t[...] Heretofore they had bee[...] House by the personal co[...] Mayor. Henceforth thos[...] of the rooms would have [...] and they were there that [...] of paying for the room[...] object to that at all. W[...] was to return their than[...] Lord Mayor and his tw[...] decessors for the courtesy [...] extended to them.

Sir Joseph said that tw[...] been pressing upon his mi[...] back. One was more co-[...] secretariat work, and th[...] patronage of boys. There [...] in Dublin worked by a fe[...] in both Ozanam House [...] What he had in his mind [...] which would be open all [...] callers might receive help [...] involved a whole time secr[...] be thoroughly conversan[...] industrial conditions, and w[...] activities. It also involv[...] which would meet weekly. [...] would relieve their broth[...] after individual cases, and [...] them with a centre where [...] for information and help. [...] touch with employers, and [...] to place unemployed men [...] recommend.

BOYS' CL[...]

As regards the patronag[...] were they going to do with [...] slums? This was one of the [...] of modern times. Practica[...] been placed before him in [...] the establishment of club[...] warned against building a[...] solving the problem by mea[...] alone. As regards a boys' [...] allowed a larger membership [...] templated, many people, a[...] their ecclesiastical superiors, [...] recent years Ireland had h[...] than was good for it. They [...] where for a solution. A fr[...] copy of an American journal [...] on "The Responsibilities of [...] an American judge. It was [...] boy, and it gave him the k[...] had, he feared, overlooked. [...] to reach the boy through his [...] thus lead him by instructio[...] to the higher ground.

COMMUNIST P[...]

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The duty of the brothers [...] was two-fold—as Catholics [...] though the former included th[...] all good Catholics were g[...] the best sense. As Cat[...] individual members of the So[...] be ready to help in any wa[...] asked to help. For instance, [...] at the request of the parish [...] considerable help in bringing [...] Sacred Heart Sodality and lo[...] in the Boys' Guild. As a [...] the Society this might not b[...] might look as if they were [...] parochial matters; but there [...] to responding generously to [...] clergy for assistance in any [...] desire. The Conferences shoul[...] servants of the Church, and th[...] gratefully any little work th[...] trusted to them, and they s[...] ostentatiously in the spirit of [...]

The Right Rev. Monsignor [...] V.G., Spiritual Director, re[...] prayers and gave the religious [...] members of the Society subseq[...] Benediction in the Church [...] Clarendon street.

THE LATE MR. A. P. DA[...]

The funeral of the late Mr[...] Dalzell, J.P., took place yest[...] late residence, Kensington [...] Belfast, to Dundonald Cemeter[...] a large attendance of members [...] Order, with which he had be[...] indentified for the past 45 years [...] was also numerously represente[...]

The chief mourners were M[...] Dalzell, Alexander Dalzell, and [...] (sons); other relatives being [...] Dalzell, D. Linton, J. Thomas, [...] R D Barr, W. Curry, W. A[...] Purdy.

The Lord Mayor (Sir William [...] and a number of members of t[...] were present, and members [...] Parliament included:—The Ri[...] Dawson Bates, M.P. (Home S[...] Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, [...] Minister of Labour) (who, toge[...] A. W. Hungerford, secretary, [...] Ulster Unionist Council); the [...] Richard Best, K.C. (Attorney-[...] Robert Lynn, M.P.; Messrs. [...] M.P.; T. H. Burn, M.P.; J. H[...] M.P., and Senator Joseph Cun[...]

Children's Christmas Party at Dance given by the Misses Mallins in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin.

THE PROBLEM OF THE SLUMS.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE BOYS?

SUGGESTIONS AT DUBLIN MEETING.

Sir Joseph Glynn, President of the Council of Ireland, presided at the general quarterly meeting of the members of the Dublin Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, held in the Mansion House. He said this was the first meeting they had held under their new *régime*. Heretofore they had been in the Mansion House by the personal courtesy of the Lord Mayor. Henceforth those who had the use of the rooms would have to pay for them, and they were there that day on the terms of paying for the rooms. They did not object to that at all. What he did wish was to return their thanks to the present Lord Mayor and his two immediate predecessors for the courtesy they had always extended to them.

Sir Joseph said that two main points had been pressing upon his mind for some time back. One was more co-operation in their secretariat work, and the other was the patronage of boys. There were secretariats in Dublin worked by a few zealous brothers, in both Ozanam House and Myra House. What he had in his mind was a secretariat which would be open all day, and where callers might receive help at any hour. It involved a whole time secretary, who should be thoroughly conversant with Dublin industrial conditions, and well up in all social activities. It also involved a committee, which would meet weekly. Such a secretariat would relieve their brothers from looking after individual cases, and it would supply them with a centre where they could appeal for information and help. It would get into touch with employers, and enable conferences to place unemployed men whom they could recommend.

BOYS' CLUB.

As regards the patronage of boys, what were they going to do with their lads in the slums? This was one of the biggest problems of modern times. Practical difficulties had been placed before him in connection with the establishment of clubs, and he was warned against building any high hopes of solving the problem by means of boys' clubs alone. As regards a boys' brigade, which allowed a larger membership than a club contemplated, many people, and among them their ecclesiastical superiors, thought that in recent years Ireland had had more drilling than was good for it. They must seek elsewhere for a solution. A friend sent him a copy of an American journal, with an article on "The Responsibilities of Citizenship," by an American judge. It was a plea for the boy, and it gave him the key-note which he had, he feared, overlooked. He had sought to reach the boy through his amusements, and thus lead him by instruction and sympathy to the higher ground.

COMMUNIST PERIL.

Let them look at the problem. These boys left school at about 14 years of age, with only a nominal education, owing to their lack of attendance. They were at the most impressionable age, when they were easily susceptible by good or bad influences. They were mostly poor, and their lives had been a struggle against poverty. They heard denunciations of wealth and capital, and of those who were accused of accumulating their riches at the expense of the workers.

It was in such a soil that class hatred was sown, and that crime was bred. The brothers of the Society who had gone amongst them knew the privations they had gone through. They tried to relieve their wants, but they only touched the fringe of the problem.

The real danger lay in the spread of Communistic doctrines, which were not merely anti-social, but anti-Christian. The President referred to the system pursued in the Communist schools of Great Britain, where boys, after the travesty of the Sacrament of Baptism, were received into the Communist fold. Unless their Irish boys, he said, were guarded against these dangers the poison of Communism would spread amongst them.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.

The duty of the brothers of the Society was two-fold—as Catholics and as citizens, though the former included the latter, because all good Catholics were good citizens in the best sense. As Catholics and as individual members of the Society they should be ready to help in any way they might be asked to help. For instance, some brothers, at the request of the parish priest, had given considerable help in bringing boys into the Sacred Heart Sodality and looking after them in the Boys' Guild. As a regular work of the Society this might not be possible, as it might look as if they were interfering with parochial matters; but there was no objection to responding generously to a request of the clergy for assistance in any way they might desire. The Conferences should be the humble servants of the Church, and they should accept gratefully any little work that might be entrusted to them, and they should do it unostentatiously in the spirit of the rule.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne, P.P., V.G., Spiritual Director, recited the usual prayers and gave the religious reading. The members of the Society subsequently attended Benediction in the Church of St. Teresa, Clarendon street.

Orthopædic Hospital.—Rotary Club Christmas Party. Miss Mackintosh's Pupils, who entertained the little patients.

Rotary Club's Christmas Party to Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, Dublin: Showing (left) Artistes and Little Ones with the Matron, and (right) Children at the Christmas Tree.

THE LATE MR. A. P. DALZELL, J.P.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alexander P. Dalzell, J.P., took place yesterday from his late residence, Kensington road, Knock, Belfast, to Dundonald Cemetery. There was a large attendance of members of the Orange Order, with which he had been prominently indentified for the past 45 years. Freemasonry was also numerously represented.

The chief mourners were Messrs. John S. Dalzell, Alexander Dalzell, and W. B. Dalzell (sons); other relatives being Messrs R. Dalzell, D. Linton, J. Thomas, A. J. Collins, R. D Barr, W. Curry, W. Adair, and Mr. Purdy.

The Lord Mayor (Sir William Turner, J.P.) and a number of members of the Corporation were present, and members of the Ulster Parliament included:—The Right Hon. Sir Dawson Bates, M.P. (Home Secretary); the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, D.L., M.P. (Minister of Labour) (who, together with Mr. A. W. Hungerford, secretary, represented the Ulster Unionist Council); the Right Hon. Richard Best, K.C. (Attorney-General); Sir Robert Lynn, M.P.; Messrs. S. M'Guffin, M.P.; T. H. Burn, M.P.; J. H. Robb, K.C., M.P., and Senator Joseph Cunningham.

SEQUEL TO DUBLIN CRIME.

MURDER CHARGE AFTER A YEAR.

A year has passed since the murder, by armed men, of Ernest Kahn, a member of the Jewish community, at the junction of Lennox and Stamer streets, South Circular road, Dublin. Yesterday Ralph Laffan, of Oakley road, Ranelagh, was placed in the dock of the Dublin District Court in connection with the crime.

Laffan was arrested and paraded with others for identification purposes on Monday last. David Miller, who accompanied Kahn on the night of the murder, and was wounded when the shooting took place, picked out Laffan. He pointed at the prisoner, and is alleged to have said:—"You are the man. Your face has haunted me for months."

Laffan is a well set-up young man of respectable appearance.

He was charged that, with two other men not yet arrested, he "did conspire, agree, and confederate to commit a crime punishable by law, and did, at the corner of Lennox and Stamer streets, between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. on November 15, 1923, feloniously, wilfully and with malice aforethought, kill and murder one, Ernest Kahn, by shooting him with three bullets from a revolver." He was further charged with having, at the same time and place, attempted to murder David Miller.

Mr. Vincent Kennedy, solicitor, appeared for the accused.

ALLEGED IDENTIFICATION.

Detective Sergeant Hughes stated that between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. on Monday last he called at Laffan's residence and told him that he was suspected of the murder of Ernest Kahn. He then arrested and cautioned him. The prisoner made no statement.

That afternoon Laffan was paraded with a number of other men at the Bridewell. He was picked out by David Miller, who identified him as the man who shot Kahn.

Witness then charged Laffan with killing Khan and wounding Miller. He said—"It is false. I never handled a gun in my life, let alone shoot anybody." Later on he made other statements, which it was not proposed to disclose for the present.

The accused was remanded till Friday of next week.

ROSCOMMON DISTRESS.

ALARMING STATE OF THE POOR.

At a meeting of the Roscommon County Council yesterday a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. D. J. Kelly, in reference to the alarming condition of many of the poor people in the county. In many cases the people were threatened with starvation owing to want of employment. The resolution referred with alarm to the steady flow of unchecked emigration from Ireland, and suggested that in order that a solution of these unfortunate conditions should be arrived at a public meeting should be called in the courthouse, Roscommon, so that the business men of the different public bodies throughout the county may formulate a scheme to preserve the rising generation for the nation.

Mr. J. J. Colgan said that there was no chance of progress in this country so long as the present Government continued in power. He was not against the resolution, but there was no use in calling a meeting, as nothing was likely to come from it.

The Secretary pointed out that recently Kilkenny County Council got a grant of £1,500 to meet unemployment. If an application was made from the Roscommon County Council something might result from it.

The 10th January was fixed for the meeting.

A BAD TEN SHILLING NOTE.

At the Cork District Sessions yesterday, James Cotter, Cove street, was again remanded on a charge of having, on the 13th December, uttered a forged note in payment for goods with intent to defraud.

Evidence was given that the accused went into a shop and asked for cigarettes, for which he tendered what purported to be a ten-shilling note. It was afterwards discovered that the note was bad, and information was given to the Civic Guards.

The solicitor for the accused, Mr. O'Connor, said that he had intended to go into the defence, but the witness that he wished to examine was absent.

Bails were taken.

Sea Lion at Dublin Zoological Gardens.

ELECTION SCENE IN CORK.

PRISONER TAKEN FROM THE POLICE.

Further evidence was given at the Cork District Sessions yesterday in the case in which Michael Walsh, Ballintemple, is charged with having, on November 19th, at Ballintemple, conspired with a number of other persons not in custody to rescue from the custody of Guards McGonigle and Bevan, Blackrock, a man whose name is at present unknown, and who had been taken into custody at the polling booth in Ballintemple at the recent election on a charge of personation. There was a further charge of having conspired with others unknown to obstruct the administration of justice.

Guard Bevan, Skibbereen, who was on temporary duty in Cork in connection with the recent election, stated that at about 7.30 p.m. a man came into the polling booth and asked for a voting paper. The man had a conversation with the presiding officer, after which he rushed from the building. The witness pursued the man with Guard McGonigle, and some soldiers outside the booth joined in the chase. They called on him to halt, and the man was taken into custody. On the way to Blackrock Civic Guard station Guard McGonigle, the witness, and their prisoner were overtaken by a motor lorry in which there were about twenty men. They jumped out and demanded the release of the prisoner. One of them appeared to be a leader and addressed Guard McGonigle and pushed him away. The witness had the prisoner by the wrist, and four or five of the men demanded his release. They assumed a threatening attitude, and one caught the witness by the tunic and tore open the buttons. That man also put his hand into the pocket of his trench coat and pressed something against the witness, saying that he would let the witness have the contents of that unless the prisoner was released. The men dragged the prisoner from him, put him on the lorry and drove away in the direction of the city.

The accused was remanded on bail.

PRESENTATION TO A CIVIL SERVANT.

An interesting little ceremony took place last evening in the boardroom of the Marine Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, Eden quay, Dublin. The occasion was a presentation by the staff of a handsome escritoire and a music bureau to Miss Hilda Ludlow on her retirement from the Civil Service in view of her forthcoming marriage.

Captain Clarke, chief of the staff, occupied the chair, and in formally presenting the gifts paid a cordial tribute to Miss Ludlow.

Mr. F. Gray and other members of the staff spoke in terms of praise of Miss Ludlow's business qualities.

Miss Ludlow thanked Captain Clarke and expressed her gratitude for the handsome parting gift they had given her.

The name that tells you you've bought a good lamp — Royal "Ediswan." There is none better. All good dealers sell them.—(Advt.)

ELECTRICIAN'S TRAGIC END.

PROPER CARE NOT TAKEN, SAYS JURY.

"We suggest that proper care has not been exercised," said a Kingstown Coroner's jury in their verdict concerning the death of a mechanic who died as the result of a fall from an electric lamp standard in Glenageary on Monday afternoon.

The inquest was held by Dr. Brennan at St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown, yesterday, when the remains were identified as those of Patrick Harte, aged 24 years, a native of Birr, who lived at Devitt place, Kingstown, and was working on the new electric system now being installed in the Township, when he had a fatal fall.

James Doyle, a fellow-workman, stated in evidence that he was standing on the ground beneath Harte, and said to him that the lights were "on" at the sea front. Harte replied, "They are not 'on' here," and then caught both wires in his two hands. He was then standing on the guard arms of the standard. Immediately Harte touched the wires Doyle saw sparks flash, and Harte fell a distance of about twenty feet.

James Banks, assistant engineer to the Irish Electrical Construction Company, said that he had given instructions that all workmen should be off the poles at 4.20 p.m., as the current was turned on at 4.30 p.m.

Having heard the medical evidence the jury returned a verdict that it appeared that the electrical current was switched on about 4.30 p.m. on Monday night, and that the deceased man, not having paid attention to the warning of his foreman, received a shock and was precipitated to the ground, and the fall resulted in his death from fracture of the skull and hæmorrhage.

The jury added: "We suggest that proper care has not been exercised in this matter, and that in future a syren or some other appliance should be used before current is turned on."

Mr. F. J. Allen, of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, attended the inquiry.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS SHOOTING.

STRANGE AFFAIR AT CHEDWORTH.

At Chedworth, a Cotswold village between Cheltenham and Cirencester, at about seven o'clock yesterday morning, some cottagers were startled by the sound of a gun fired on the highway, and found a local postman, named Gardiner, bleeding from the jaw, leg and arm, the wounds having been caused by shots fired from a double-barrelled gun, alleged to have been discharged by Frederick Broad, an auxiliary postman in the same village. Gardiner was taken to Cirencester Hospital, where he lies in a serious condition. Broad's mangled remains were found afterwards on the railway at the entrance to Chedworth tunnel.

It is stated that Broad's work, of late, had not given satisfaction, with the result that the rounds of three letter carriers had been changed. Broad, as a consequence, accused the others of conspiring against him. Gardiner was shot at twelve yards range. Broad took to the woods, on the hill-top above the village, and parties of armed police went in search of him. Later in the day, a railway ganger found a human arm on the line, and 750 yards away, at the entrance to the tunnel, discovered Broad's mangled body.

STEAMER ON FIRE

AFTER TRYING VOYAGE.

A fire at the Avonmouth Docks yesterday proved most troublesome, owing to the position of the affected ship, the Italian steamer Calimeria. The steamer was attached to buoys, well away from the quay-side, and the difficulty was increased by a heavy gale. Firemen had to approach the burning vessel over slippery barges. After this they proceeded by lifeboat to the steamer's side, up which they had to clamber by a hanging ladder.

The flames were in a saloon amidships, and when they were extinguished after three hours' strenuous work, it was found that a number of adjoining rooms had been seriously affected, as well as the wireless cabin. The ship had the misfortune, during her voyage from Montreal to Avonmouth, to encounter a cyclone, which did her considerable damage.

For the Christmas Party.

White's JELLY CRYSTALS

No Christmas party can be said to be complete without these delicious sweets. In them you have the prime culinary joy of the pure natural fruit juices absorbed in super-refined cane sugar.

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Used solus, or poured over preserved or stewed fruits or on bananas that have been split and smeared with strawberry jam, they are always voted the chef d'œuvre of the sweets menu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"THE NATIONAL POSITION."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In to-day's *Irish Times* I read a statement by Professor Magennis which runs:—"I advocated a policy of reconciliation—the union of all Irishmen, whatever their political past, who are willing to accept the national position unconditionally." Will Professor Magennis be good enough to state exactly what he means by "the national position," so that very many ex-Unionists and others may decide whether they can join the political party in question? It is important that a clear statement of what is exactly meant should be given.—Yours, etc.,

"UNIONIST."

Dublin, December 23rd, 1924.

REVOLUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The function of revolution, being as different from that of government as breaking is different from making, calls naturally for entirely different methods and, above all, for the exercise of a wholly different mentality. To become fit for the work of government, the revolutionary must first "*faire peau neuve*" in this respect—a difficult process, in which very few succeed. The usual course, therefore, is that the breakers, after doing quite enough breaking, are, sooner or later, replaced by the makers, chosen from the rest of the community. Work has now to be done in the daylight instead of in darkness. Supreme authority rests with an open and responsible Government instead of with a secret and irresponsible oligarchy. That authority derives its power from the voluntary approval and support of the mass of the people, and no longer from the blind obedience of a few thousand very young men bound down by "iron discipline."

A few of our ex-revolutionaries are, apparently, succeeding in changing their skins, but the rest are not, and give faint promise of ever doing so, even if the country could afford to wait for them—which, of course, it cannot. The present weight of privation and suffering on the poorer classes who form the bulk of the population is far too heavy to admit of any further avoidable delay in the task of "making," in the bread-and-butter sense. Many of our ex-revolutionaries want to go on "breaking" indefinitely. Many others have, more or less, called a halt, but they still adhere to the old oligarchic secrecy of procedure, and this special characteristic enables us to distinguish them from the rare few who have so far managed to "*faire peau neuve*," and have thus qualified to share in the positive and constructive work of government. The man or the men among them who, forsaking the old secret methods of the inner ring, frankly take the public into their confidence are alone fit to be trusted by the public.—Yours, etc.,

"KAPPA."

Monkstown, Co. Dublin,
December 23rd, 1924.

DUBLIN'S ELECTRICITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your well-informed article in yesterday's issue you institute certain comparisons between Shannon power for Dublin and the existing supply. The cost figures which are fairly comparable, for the Shannon, the Corporation Works, and the Liffey, are as follows:—

Shannon power	0.53d. per unit
Steam power	1.12d. " "
Liffey power (Mr. Buchi)	0.45d. " "

The Shannon price is lower than the steam cost, but is higher than Mr. Buchi's Liffey cost. Further, the Shannon price quoted is, no doubt, for the full Dublin supply (including trams), in which case the price to the Dublin Corporation may well be higher than 0.53d. The present Corporation cost figures are based on existing wages, whereas the Shannon figures are estimated on much lower wages. By the time when the water-power, whether Liffey or Shannon, will be available the Dublin steam costs will be materially lower—even at present wages—by reason of the increased output and the increase "load factor."

There will be very little difference in water-power costs and steam costs in any large East coast town in Ireland, and the use of water-power will not substantially reduce the cost of electricity in such towns. The Corporation case for the Liffey development has not been based entirely on cost, but on much wider and firmer ground.—Yours, etc.,

LAURENCE J. KETTLE,
City Electrical Engineer.

Fleet street, Dublin,
December 23rd, 1924.

THE STRAW THAT SHOWS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Not traders, but orphans kindly individuals who send tokens of remembrance to one another at Christmas, are now made to feel how irritating can be the laws made by an Irish Government for Irish people. I have been in the habit of sending for the last twenty years to a former faithful employee of mines—a Donegal woman, who married and went to reside in the Northern area—a few toys for her children, some crackers and sweets—nothing much, but enough to show kindliness between two natives of Tir-Connail. This year I attempted to do the same, and the Dublin Tramway Company kindly facilitated me with information and help; but because the package contained sweets for the children it was refused by the railway company until I should fill up a further complicated paper. This I could not bring myself to do, and had the children's Christmas parcel returned. Of course, I can send money to buy sweets, etc., for the children, but this is not the same for them as having the pleasure of seeing the "Dublin parcel" arrive.

I am a South Dublin City elector and voted for the Government candidate at the recent election, but never again do I intend to support legislators who, even indirectly, hurt Irish children at Christmas time. I should add that all the officials whom I had to interview in the attempt to send a parcel out of the Free State gave me the greatest possible assistance and sympathy. The form which I could not bring myself to fill threatened me with a £500 fine if I did not fill it correctly, and I am now thinking of sending it as a Christmas card to Santa Claus.—Yours, etc.,

"TIR-CONNAIL."

Dublin, December 23rd, 1924.

THE DESTRUCTION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—A recent letter, calling attention to the destruction of the ancient castle of Ballymacelliot, County Kerry, is a painful reminder of the vandalism that has been going on unchecked, and sometimes almost unnoticed, in Ireland, especially during the last twenty years or so, since the land passed into the hands of the people. The old landlords—whatever their faults—in the majority of cases preserved and protected the relics of the past, as they planted and preserved the woods, which the people have also destroyed almost to extinction since they got them into their own hands. The Royal Society of Antiquaries have neither power or money to take over and preserve ancient monuments. They have done and are doing valuable work for archæology and in calling attention to destruction.

This work could be made far more effective by the establishment of local historical societies, in which all Irishmen who love their native land could join together. One such society in every county could do immense good in educating the people, and making them realise the value of the historical monuments and landmarks to the nation; and also in bringing pressure to bear on county councils to avail themselves of the powers given them by the Land Acts to have ancient monuments vested in them. Persons on whose land the ruins are situated, or any others, could then be prevented from removing or injuring them. The definition of an ancient monument, as given, is:—"Any ancient or mediæval structure, erection or monument or any remains thereof, which are matters of public interest by reason of the historic, traditional or artistic interest attaching thereto." If something like this is not done, we shall, I fear, see a continuation of destruction when all the land of the Free State becomes the property of the tenants.

Our people are the most ignorant in Western Europe. Our great danger, politically and otherwise, arises from this. We have seen the lowest depths of barbarism reached in very recent times. The storing by the Irregulars of their explosives, ammunition and bomb-making machines in the Record Office in the Four Courts, followed up by their concentration on the destruction of the historic homes of Irishmen—many of whom had given there whole lives in the service of the country—with their priceless libraries, heirlooms and national treasures, are actions which have never been equalled by "Morrogh the Burner," Cromwell, or any other iconoclast that ever cursed this country.—Yours, etc.,

KATHLEEN A. BROWN.

Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown,
County Wexford.
December 22nd, 1924.

THE PRICE OF PETROL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell what is the price of petrol? In September and October I bought petrol in many places in the West of Ireland, and was always charged 1s. 7d. a gallon. Returning to Dublin at the end of October, I found that all shops in and round Dublin charged 1s. 9½d. a gallon. Returning to County Mayo lately, I found that at Athlone, Roscommon, Charlestown and Crossmolina the price was still 1s. 7d., though one would expect that the addition of carriage to those places would make the price higher than the Dublin price.

Is this another example of the "profiteering" which makes Dublin such an expensive place to live in? Why should petrol be 2½d. a gallon dearer than in Belmullet, where I bought it at the lower price? I bought petrol in September in Belmullet at 1s. 7d. a gallon.—Yours, etc.,

"PUZZLED MOTORIST."

Co. Mayo, December 23rd, 1924.

HIGH RAILWAY FREIGHTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—On the Clara and Banagher branch line, on which there are two passenger trains each way per day, there are employed to run these trains two engine-drivers, two firemen and two guards. The line is about twenty miles long. The reason is, I presume, that, if the set of men who convey the morning train also conveyed the evening train, the sacred eight hours a day rate would be broken. Of course, the loss in working this line must be charged to freight-payers generally.

The eight hours' day is a very proper rule in certain employments, but to apply it to a case of this kind is the height of absurdity, and hits, eventually, the class it is meant to benefit.—Yours, etc.,

E. A. HACKETT.

Castletown, Ballycumber, Offaly.
December 22nd, 1924.

LOSSES ON IRISH CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I have just returned from England, where I spent a couple of months with a Cheshire farmer. He goes to Liverpool every week, where he buys cattle, landed from Ireland, so bruised and battered that butchers would not look at them. He takes them home for about a month till they are quite recovered and re-sells them at from £10 to £12 profit. This is the way to make money.—Yours, etc.,

"O. X. O."

Co. Meath, December 23rd, 1924.

McGUIRE COLLEGE.

At the annual distribution of prizes on Monday in McGuire's College, Dublin, Mr. Moorhead, the Principal, referred in appreciative terms to the work done by the students during the year. The college was already gaining at Saorstat Civil Service examinations, both senior and junior, distinctions equal to those which nearly a generation ago first made its name. He referred in detail to the Inspectorship of Taxes, Customs-Excise and Post Office examinations, in all of which students had been successful. As usual, nearly all the candidates presented for bank and railway examinations had obtained their appointments on first trial. The University and professional preliminary classes had also maintained their very high standard, and the candidates presented for N.U.I. Matriculation, T.C.D. entrance, and the legal and medical preliminaries had now almost without exception embarked on what he hoped would be equally successful courses of professional study.

Employers had long since recognised the value of the commercial training available at the college, and he was pleased to state that, in spite of the prevailing depression, the majority of the students who during the year had obtained certificates of competency had already been placed in suitable employment.

THE BONUS FOR POST OFFICE OFFICIALS.

Mr. Patrick W. Shaw, Belsize House, Mullingar, writes to us to draw the attention of the large number of persons who were in the service of the Post Office, who, by now looking after their claims, will receive substantial benefits by the decision of the House of Lords, entitling men who joined the Forces during the late war to receive substantial bonus which has up to the present been withheld, pending the decision just arrived at. As over £2,000,000 is involved, and a large number of Irishmen are entitled to a considerable portion of this money, he suggests that the persons interested should now look after their rights.

Boys who are not athletic figures should not be encouraged to remain in the public schools.—Mr. Alec Waugh.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

RACING REOPENS

FORM AND FANCIES.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday Night.

After the four days' respite racing will burst into vigour again on Friday next, when fixtures begin at Kempton Park, Wolverhampton, and Sedgefield, a small meeting in distant Durham. I imagine that the principal event of the day will be the Christmas Cup at Wolverhampton, which was won last year by Dudley. Probably he could win it again if he were started, but it is more probable that he will wait for the Victory Steeplechase at Manchester, where his lenient handicapping makes the race appear almost a good thing for him. Mr. Brown, however, can fall back on Ground Scout or Rathluck, the latter of whom has yet to appear as a 'chaser in this country. I like the chance of Hairpin II. for the old 18-guinea horse is in good form and will be started. Colestown may not be quite speedy enough, and Superman ran poorly at Nottingham. On the whole, I am disposed to rely on HAIRPIN II., in the absence of Dudley.

Turkey Buzzard will not attempt to carry his 13st. 4lb. in the Penkridge Steeplechase, but if the going is good Coulthwaite may start Fly Mask. I should doubt his being anything like ready yet, and the same remark may apply to Conjuror II., who has left Coulthwaite's for Mr. Hastings's stable. It is probable that this race will be won by VAULX, a most genuine and consistent performer. The Wyfold Hurdle is an open race, in which I choose MONTAGUE to beat Drumkirk and Sun Charmer.

The most valuable event at Kempton is the Soliman Hurdle, in which Noce d'Argent is top weight. He is forward in condition, but may not be at his best yet. Smoke Cloud, on his display at Hurst Park, has only a moderate chance. Tullylost is nicely handicapped, but I believe Poole intends to exploit this horse as a hurdler. If fancied here he might be dangerous. I shall, however, turn to the four-year-old KINNAIRD, who ran Peter Pax to a head on this course recently, and name him as the likely winner. Test Match and Drinmond, who dead-heated at Newbury, can renew their tussle here. Test Match was unlucky on that occasion, for by slipping up on landing he lost a good deal of ground. With better luck here he should beat Drinmond and win, the danger being The Sheriff. On his running at Hurst Park, where he jumped like a cat, the Kenton Steeplechase should be a good thing for DORADO, even with his penalty. BEN CRUCHAN, who recently passed into S. Bennet's Newmarket stable, has an engagement in the Plodders' Steeplechase at Sedgefield, which he should win, as the opposition is very moderate.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

KEMPTON PARK.

12.30 Race—7 to 1 agst. Dorado, 11 to 4 Top Light, 4 to 1 Uncle Jack, 5 to 1 Master Billie, 7 to 1 each Predial and Attaboy, 8 to 1 Paul, 10 to 1 Blank Cartridge, 100 to 8 any other.

1. 0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Aliette, 3 to 1 Perfect Form, 9 to 2 Pilatus II., 2 to 1 Ormada, 6 to 1 Clent, 7 to 1 Clear Eye, 8 to 1 each Stronsay and Sure Gain, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Gardenrath, 3 to 1 The Sheriff, 9 to 2 Test Match, 7 to 1 Gem, 8 to 1 each White Surrey and The Bleeka, 10 to 1 Ammonal, 100 to 8 any other.

2. 0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Boy Mac, 7 to 2 Moseley, 4 to 1 Tuscan, 5 to 1 Graystown, 7 to 1 each Poobah and Feltham Hill, 8 to 1 each Dominican and Warrington, 10 to 1 each Treble Scotch and Damur, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race—11 to 4 agst. All Away, 3 to 1 Kinnaird, 4 to 1 Alopex, 5 to 1 Civic Guard, 7 to 1 each Detritus and Confirmation, 8 to 1 each Croiseur and Flaming Sword, 10 to 1 Perico, 100 to 8 any other.

3. 0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Head Master, 11 to 4 Cylvida, 9 to 2 Henry B., 5 to 1 Good Points, 6 to 1 Fugo, 7 to 1 Wee Laddie, 8 to 1 each Fair View and Formidable, 10 to 1 each Progress and Misconduct, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. High Court, 5 to 2 Imprudence, 4 to 1 Bright Land, 6 to 1 Cloth of Gold, 8 to 1 each Tutankhamen and Billy Beck, 10 to 1 each Argentine and Solar Eclipse, 100 to 7 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

KEMPTON PARK.

12.30—Dorado.
1. 0—Aliette.
1.30—Gardenrath.
2. 0—Boy Mac.
2.30—Kinnaird.
3. 0—Cylvida.
3.30—Imprudence.
DOUBLE:
Gardenrath (nap) Imprudence (nap).

WOLVERHAMPTON.

12.30—Golden Fleece.
1. 0—Friar Denis.
1.30—Sun Charmer.
2.30—Hairpin II.
3. 0—Isle o' Wight.
3.30—Harrismith.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR FRIDAY.

Westminster Gazette:—Friday's best—Dorado. Double—Dorado and Wee Laddie.

Daily News:—Double—Golden Fleece and Sun Charmer.

Daily Express:—Double — Kinnaird and Head Master. Safety bet—Head Master (to win).

Daily Graphic:—Double—Chaltoi and Formidable.

Daily Mirror:—Double — Flaming Sword and Perisheen (nap).

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Wyfold Hurdle, Wolverhampton—The Turk.
Boxing Day Selling Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Charley's Uncle.
Open Three-Year-Old Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Tragacanth.
Charlton Selling Handicap, Cheltenham—Flintlock.
Amateur Riders' Hurdle, Cheltenham—Sancroft.
Lambton Hurdle, Sedgefield—Little Buffet.
Sheraton Hurdle, Sedgfield—Sunstar, Bold Buck.
New Selling Hurdle and Chiswick Selling Hurdle, Kempton Park—Bypo.
Chorlton Handicap, Manchester—Agincourt.
Broughton Hurdle, Manchester—Windswept.
Grove Optional 'Chase, Tenby—Robe.
All engagements in Mr. E. H. Tattersall's name—Saxham Prince.
All engagements in Mr. B. Fitche's name—Irish Cheer.
All published handicaps—Leartes, Double Chance.
All engagements under N.H. Rules—Silver Island.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Zarope has arrived at W. Nightingall's stables, presumably to be prepared for National Hunt racing. Recently it was reported that Lady Curzon of Kedleston was negotiating for the sale of the horse.

George Stern, the famous French jockey and trainer, who is also well known in England, has fallen ill. Stern scored on Sunstar in the Derby of 1911, and he had previously ridden the same colt to victory in the Two Thousand Guineas.

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HOLIDAY RACING

LEOPARDSTOWN AND LIMERICK.

Racegoers in this country have so few opportunities of indulging in their favourite sport during the "off" season that they naturally look forward with eager anticipation to the holiday gatherings at Leopardstown and Limerick, where they are always so well catered for.

Satisfactory entries have been received at both places, and the programme at Leopardstown, which venue will, of course, have most attraction for the Metropolitan, Northern, and Midland contingents, holds forth promise of very interesting sport. The fact of so many new recruits to the jumping game being due to make a first appearance in public will add zest to the proceedings. The principal race on the opening day at the Foxrock enclosure is the Newtown Handicap Hurdle Plate, which will bring into opposition a good-class field, and the other events should also attract plenty of runners and furnish capital contests.

As the *Irish Times* will not be published on Boxing Day, selections are now given:—

LEOPARDSTOWN.

Stand Plate—**Blue Fish.**
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase—**Soot** or **Too Richy.**
Stewards Plate—**Gertrude P.**
Newtown Plate—**Desmond Dale** or **Kanowna**
Tower Plate—**Lady Martin.**

LIMERICK.

Greenpark Plate—**Lady Irene.**
Christmas Plate—**Maidstown.**
Holiday Plate—**Credo** or **Very Hard.**
St. Stephen's Day Plate—**Athlunkard.**
Directors' Plate—**Glenoge.**

LEOPARDSTOWN.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

1.15—THE STAND HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

DULEEK (Mr. J. J. M'Auley)......Coombs a 11 10
MISS ROSE (Mr. W. A. Wallis)......Morgan 5 11 10
V.V. (Mr. Jos. Walshe)......Walshe 6 11 10
GUTTER SNIPE (Mrs. Bartholomew) Bartholomew 5 11 10
SHINING JUG (Mr. A. Morrow)......Magee 5 11 10
PAXI (Mr. John Doyle)......Owner 4 10 11
BARRETSTOWN (Mr. Blackmore)..Kirwan a 10 10
SWEET FITZ (Mr. R. E. Hope)......Walker 6 10 10
SOUTH MEATH (Mr. A. Lowry)..Brabazon 5 10 10
GOLDEN ASHE (Mr. H. B. Kenny)..Owner a 10 10
DROWNER (Mr. Byrne)......Owner 5 10 10
BLUE FISH (Mr. P. Rogers)......Arnott 6 11 10
PROVINCIAL BOY (Mr. Jrior Kennedy) Fetherston 4 11 7
GEORGE STEVENS (Mr. D. O'M. Leahy) Alexander 4 11 7
TREBLE APPLAUSE (Mr. P. Rogers) Arnott 4 11 7
NO JOKE (Mr. W. Coffey)......Perry 4 11 7
SABLE LADY (Mr. R. C. Ross)......Moss 4 11 7
CLONLARA (Mr. T. Singleton)......Brooks 4 11 7
LARRY THE FLAIL (Mr. Power)......Arnott 4 11 7
GATE BOOK (Miss Barbour)......Brabazon 3 10 7
COYPOU (Mr. A. M'Cann)......Dawson 3 10 7
BALLYSPINNER (Mr. T. Killian) Fetherston 3 10 7
KILDARRA BOY (Mr. W. O'Driscoll) Dawson 3 10 7
SLIEVROE (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)......Owner 3 10 7
SNARE (Mr. T. J. Taaffe)......Owner 3 10 7
ABDULLA (Mr. Duggan)......J. Rogers 3 10 7
MARBURG (Mr. Coyle)......Fordred 3 10 7
MELRUSH (Mr. H. I. Ussher)......Owner 3 10 7
MASTER (Mr. J. Leach)......Bell 3 10 2
PRINCESS PATSEY (Mr. M'Cutcheon).Rice 3 10 2
CLOONLOUGH (Mr. J. J. Parkinson) Owner 3 10 2

1.45—THE AMATEUR RIDERS' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 3 m. 100 yds. Age. st. lb.

MISFIRE (Mr. H. M. Ryan)......Ryan a 12 8
NOGGIN (Mr. F. H. Brooke)......Arnott 6 12 8
BELLEWSTOWN (Mr. T. D. M'Keever) Owner a 12 5
WARFARE (Mr. W. F. Power)..Parkinson 5 12 5
FAST ASLEEP (Mr. R. Wallace)......Owner a 12 0
HY MANY (Mr. P. J. Kenny)......Owner a 12 0
MOYLANDER (Mr. J. A. Bredin)......Cleary a 12 0
SOOT (Mr. F. Barbour)......Brabazon 5 11 10
TOO RICHY (Mr. P. J. Brophy)..Parkinson 4 11 5
SWEET HOME (Mr. H. Keane)......Cleary 6 11 4
EVE (Mr. J. Alexander)......Owner a 11 4
THIRTY-BOB (Mr. T. Singleton)......Brooks 6 11 4
SCHOOL GIRL (Mrs. M. Traynor)...Owner 5 11 0
OR BRIDGE (Mr. F. Clarke)......Owner 5 11 0
MAY ELLEN (Mr. A. Martin)......Cleary 4 10 12

2.15—THE STEWARDS' SELLING HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A selling handicap hurdle race. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

MOST NOBLE (Col. MacCabe)......Staunton 6 12 7
MY PAL (Mr. D. O'Brien)......Owner 6 12 7
MOUNT PROSPECT (Mr. T. O'K. White) Dawson a 11 13
TEMPLELYON (Mr. Parkinson)......Owner 4 11 11
PALLASGREEN (Mr. H. I. Ussher)..Owner 5 11 10
TIPPERARY BOY (Mr. Doyle)......Owner 5 11 10
GERTRUDE P. (Mr. L. F. Ball)......Dawson a 11 9
CASTLE DODD (Mr. R. C. Ross)......Moss 6 11 5
STICK IN THE MUD (Sir John Arnott) Walker 6 11 4
THE TATLER (Mr. O'Toole)......Dawson a 11 3
QUEEN OF GYPSIES (Mr. Adams)..Owner a 11 3
PULLMAN (Mr. T. J. Mangan......Owner a 10 9
QUEEN OF KILDARE (Mrs. Shirley) Walker a 10 9
DON QUIXOTE (Mr. W. Coffey)......Perry 5 10 9
GENERIC (Mr. E. Delany)......Owner 6 10 8
RED HUSSAR (Mr. Jos. Whelan)......Owner a 10 7
RATHFARAN (Mr. H. J. Tully)......Owner a 10 7
NATIONAL SPORT (Mr. Dickson)......Magee 5 10 6
ANTHEM'S PRIDE (Mr. Douglas)......Brooks 6 10 5
HELSDELITE (Mr. G. Revelle)......Brooks 5 10 5
UP AT THE POLE (Mr. Killian)......Cleary 5 10 3
FRIARSTOWN CHIEFTAIN (Mr. Foster) Lenehan a 10 3
KILDA'S PRIDE (Mr. Gorey)......Kirwan a 10 3
MOLLY O (Mr. W. O'Driscoll)......Morgan 5 10 0
PILLOW SLIP (Mr. J. Long)......Long a 10 0
BAHELOR'S DOLL (Mr. A. Lowry) Fetherston 3 9 10
LITTLE VENUS (Mr. Foster)......Lenehan a 9 7
BARRETSTOWN (Mr. Blackmore)..Kirwan a 9 7

2.45—THE NEWTON HANDICAP HURDLE PLATE of 200 sovs. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

DESMOND DALE (Mr. O'Ryan)..Parkinson 5 12 7
SAY (Mr. R. C. Ross)......Moss a 12 6
BAWN-NA-GLAS (Mr. Parkinson) Parkinson 4 12 5
BORORA (Mr. M'Cann)......Dawson 5 12 2
MOST NOBLE (Col. MacCabe)......Staunton 6 11 12
QUARRY BOY (Mr. Walshe)......Brabazon 6 11 12
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles)......Arnott a 11 7
NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore)..Kirwan a 11 6
EXPLANATION (Mr. Rogers)......Arnott 6 11 4
LITTLE NELL (Mr. Lenehan)......Owner 5 11 0
DINIA (Mr. G. Revelle)......Brooks 6 10 13
MISS DRUCE (Mr. Farrell)......Manley 5 10 11
MR. PORTA (Mr. Morrison)......Morrison 6 10 11
STICK IN THE MUD (Sir John Arnott) Walker 6 10 9
HASSOCK (Mr. Barnett)......Magee 5 10 7
PEARLMAN (Mr. J. H. Locke)..Fetherston 3 10 6
PETIT BEAU (Capt. Maher)......Dawson a 10 4
LOUVOIS STAR (Col. Bayley)......Walker 6 10 3
KILDA'S PRIDE (Mr. Gorey)......Kirwan a 9 8
CHARABANC (Mr. M. Quinn)......Arnott 6 9 7
FETHERNADALE (Mr. E. Trainor)..Dayle 5 9 7
The following were struck out December 10th:—
GARRYMORE (Mr. J. P. Taaffe)..Banahan 5 12 0
UGLY DUCKLING (Mr. A. Lowry)..Dawson a 11 11
ELUNYD (Mr. J. E. Rowson)......Reidy 5 11 7
TOO RICHY (Mr. Brophy)......Parkinson 4 11 4

3.15—THE TOWER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m. 175 yds. Age. st. lb.

FORT ELIZABETH (Mr. M'Alinden) Usher a 12 9
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles)......Arnott a 11 12
BALLYMACRORY (Mr. Ross)......Moss a 11 1
GOFFEE (Mrs. Croft)......Usher 5 11 0
LADY MARTIN (Mr. Dowling)...Dawson 4 10 12
WARFARE (Mr. Power)......Parkinson 5 10 7
KNIGHT OF THE WILDERNESS (Mr. G. White)......Cunningham 4 10 7
TOO RICHY (Mr. P. J. Brophy).Parkinson 4 10 6
POLISH PRINCE (Mr. C. A. Rogers).Owner a 10 5
WHITE EYES (Mr. F. Pope)......Cleary 6 10 3
LOUVIMA (Mr. J. C. Bentley)......Owner a 10 0
CAIRBRE (Mr. A. M'Cann)......Dawson 5 9 13
LOUVOIS STAR (Col. Bayley)......Walker 6 9 12
KAFFIR CHIEF (Hon. K. Mackay).Arnott 6 9 12
RATHDRIN (Mr. M. Ballesty)......Bannon 6 9 12
GRECIAN WAVE (Mr. Hume)..Morrison 6 9 11
RARE SORT (Mr. J. Murray)......Cleary a 9 11
SERPOLETTE (Mr. E. Delany)......Owner a 9 8
CURRAGH BREEZE (Mr. Whelan)..Owner a 9 7
KIRKLOISK (Mr. Quinn)......Arnott 6 9 7
JOHNNY T. (Mr. J. Rooney)......Coombs a 9 7
HELSDELITE (Mr. G. Revelle)......Brooks 6 9 7
MARTENSTOWN (Mr. Downes)......Owner 6 9 7
BACHELOR'S NEWS (Mr. Corcoran).Byrne a 9 7
KNOCKEFFER (Capt. Hughes)......Magee 5 9 7

LIMERICK.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

1.15—THE GREENPARK PLATE of 50 sovs., A hurdle race for maidens. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

BARRETSTOWN (Mr. Blackmore)..Kirwan a 10 12
MELLERAY'S JOY (Mr. Hooney)..Gleeson 4 10 12
RIVERSFIELD (Mr. Lynch)......H. Harty 4 10 12
FIGHTING FIT (Mr. Lynch)......Owner 6 10 12
BORROGONE (Mr. J. J. Manning)..Owner a 10 12
FLYING MAGIC (Mr. M. Mitchell)..Owner a 10 12
MARENGO IV. (Mrs. D. Moloney)..Moloney a 10 12
SNOW VILLAGE (Mrs. Moss)......Moss 6 10 12
EMPRESS ROYAL (Mr. Foley)...M. Harty 5 10 0
LADY IRENE (Mr. O'Sullivan)......Bell 3 10 0

1.45—THE CHRISTMAS PLATE of 50 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

UNCLE SAM VI. (Col. [illegible])......Moloney a 12 0
ADA (Mr. J. B. Knowles)......Widger a 11 10
POLISH PRINCE (Mr. C. A. Rogers).Owner a 11 10
BOGIOSKO (Mr. D. P. O'Brien)..Owner a 11 7
GLENOGE (Mr. O'Sullivan)......Lombard a 11 0
MAIDSTOWN (Mr. N. Connolly)..Mitchell a 10 9
DRIFTING PRINCE (Mr. Keays)..Whelan 6 10 5
BILLY PITT (Mr. M'Gown)......Bell a 10 5
LOMOND LAD (Capt. Harty)......M. Harty a 10 2
ATHLUNKARD (Capt. Molony)......Owner a 10 0

2.15—THE HOLIDAY PLATE of 50 sovs. A handicap hurdle race. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore)..Kirwan a 12 5
PEARLMORE (Mrs. D. Moloney)..Moloney 5 12 3
BRAEMAR (Mr. J. J. Foley)......Moss a 11 12
CREDO (Mr. M'Namara)......H. Harty 4 11 12
MOOR MAIDEN (Mr. Philpot)......Moss 4 11 9
VERY HARD (Mr. O'Sullivan)......Moloney 5 11 7
GOLD LABEL (Mr. R. Sheehan)..Sheehan 6 11 5
TARBET (Mr. R. C. Ross)......Moss 5 10 12
POLAND YET (Mr. G. Ellard)......Moss 6 10 12
NABACLEIS (Mr. T. Nunan)......Owner 5 10 5
GAY CAVALIER (Mr. O'Sullivan)..Moloney a 10 5
BALLINACURRA BOY (Mr. Madden) Owner a 10 2
ERIN REMEMBER (Mrs. Harty)......Harty 6 10 0

2.45—THE ST. STEPHEN'S DAY PLATE of 50 sovs. An open weight for age steeplechase. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

UNCLE SAM IV. (Col. Hayes)......Moloney a 13 4
BALLINACURRA BOY (Mr. Madden).Owner a 12 5
KNOCKNACURRA (Mr. Keohane).Lombard a 11 9
ATHLUNKARD (Capt. Molony)......Owner a 11 7
CORONER'S GIFT (Mr. Long)......Long 5 10 7
LABBY'S WALK (Mr. M'Carthy)......Owner 6 10 7
MISFORTUNATE (Mr. Mangan)......Owner a 10 7
BALLYCAHILL (Capt. Watson)......Owner a 10 7

3.15—THE DIRECTORS' PLATE of 50 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 3 m. Age. st. lb.

THE COINER (Mr. Hogan)......Owner a 12 6
UNCLE SAM VI. (Col. Liam Hayes).Moloney a 11 12
ADA (Mr. J. B. Knowles)......Widger a 11 11
VERY HARD (Mr. O'Sullivan)......Moloney 5 11 6
WOO WHOOP (Mr. O'Brien)......Owner a 11 5
BALLINACURRA BOY (Mr. Madden) Owner a 11 3
GLENOGE (Mr. O'Sullivan)......Lombard a 11 3
TAGUEL (Mr. Jas. Whelan)......Owner a 11 2
MAIDSTOWN (Mr. Connolly)......Mitchell a 11 0
DRIFTING PRINCE (Mr. T. Keays) Whelan 6 10 7
PROUD FAIRY (Mr. Holmes)......Gleeson a 10 7
ATHLUNKARD (Capt. Molony)......Owner a 10 0
KNOCKNACURRA (Mr. P. Keohane) Lombard a 10 0

Lord Derby's brilliant filly Tranquil, who won the One Thousand Guineas and St. Leger last year, has been retired to the stud.

KEMPTON PARK.

PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

An excellent card is provided for Boxing Day at Kempton, and the fact that there is a good deal of competition elsewhere should make little difference to this popular fixture. It is somewhat difficult to make out what will run, and we can only offer suggestions as to likely winners. In the Soliman Handicap Hurdle I like Civic Guard, Perahara, and Kinnaird. The first-mentioned could, if he cared, win easily, but he is a hopeless sort and is perhap best left alone. I feel sure Perahara will be winning good races shortly, but whether he is yet quite ready is perhaps questionable, and it may be better to stand on the public credentials of Kinnaird, who comes from a stable which likes to win at these holiday fixtures. Test Match, who has apparently been kept in reserve for the Oatlands Steeplechase, looks attractive. Selections:—

Kenton Steeplechase—**Dorado.**
Kew Hurdle—**Perfect Form.**
Oatlands Steeplechase—**Test Match.**
Hounslow Hurdle—**Tuscan.**
Soliman Hurdle—**Kinnaird.**
Hampton Steeplechase—**Progress.**
Fulwell Hurdle—**Tutankhamen**; if absent, **Argentine.**

12.30—KENTON STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

TOP LIGHT (Lt.-Col. D. C. Part) Hastings 6 12 2
CHILD OF THE HILLS (Mr. D. Frame) Killalee 8 11 9
RED RORY (Mr. J. Fullerton) Knowles 8 11 9
PAUL (Mr. W. T. Sears) Westmorland a 11 9
HILAIRE (Mr. W. H. Tribe)..Private 7 11 9
DORADO (Sir Mathew Wilson) W. Nightingall 8 11 9
ATTABOY (Mr. R. B. Davison) E. Piggott 5 11 5
UNCLE JACK (Capt. A. Gollan) G. Poole 5 11 5
PREDIAL (Mr. P. Goodman)..Private 5 11 5
ELGAR (Mrs. V. Morton-Jackson) Private 5 11 5
MASTER BILLIE (Mr. W. Parsonage) Whitaker 5 11 5
MOUNTAIN LAND (Mr. C. A. Ringwood) Lerwill 5 11 5
BLANK CARTRIDGE (Capt. E. J. L. Speed)......Jackson 5 11 5
RIFLE FIRE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 4 10 10
WILD SWAN (Sir Edward Edgar) Whitaker 4 10 10
ARDAILE (Lady Edgar)......Whitaker 4 10 10
BRIQUETTE (Mr. F. Strange)..T. Wilson 4 10 10
CROSS HANDS (Lord Westmorland) Westmorland 4 10 10
SUNCIRCLE (Sir Mathew Wilson) W. Nightingall 4 10 10

1.0—KEW THREE-YEAR-OLD SELLING HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 1½ m.

SLOVAIC (Baroness Zouche) W. Nightingall 10 12
THISTLE GLASS (Mr. R. [illegible]son)......Beatty 10 12
MONTANO (Mr. Parnell)......R. Payne 10 12
SOUTHOVER (Sir Henry Bird)..Hammond 10 12
FARCE (Mr. Baylis)......T. Leader 10 12
HEROD ANTIPAS (Major Barclay) Gore 10 5
CLEAR EYE (Col. Fitzgerald)...J. M. Bell 10 5
LYNXEYED (Mr. Fitton)......T. Fitton 10 5
SURE GAIN (Mr. Cottrill)......Cottrill 10 5
ALLETTE (Mr. Edge)......G. Poole 10 5
BOULT (Mr. Bennett)......G. Bennett 10 5
CLENT (Mr. B. Brendon)......Brendon 10 5
HYPO (Mr. Cohen)......Tabor 10 5
PERFECT FORM (Mr. Cohen)......Tabor 10 5
FIRE STONE (Mr. Galtrey)......G. Bennett 10 5
STRONSAY (Mrs. Gregson)......C. Young 10 5
PHALORIA (Lt.-Col. Hermon-Hodge) W. Nightingall 10 5
PILATUS (Mr. Hirst)......F. Hartigan 10 5
SKYSTAR (Mr. Huggett)......Anthony 10 5
ORMADA (Mr. Lees-Milne)......Powell 10 5
MAY B. (Mr. McAlpine)......G. Poole 10 5
MAY MOR (Mr. Methven)......Powell 10 5
PSYCHO (Mr. Peek)......Private 10 5
CHRISTOPHER WREN (Mr. Peel) G. Poole 10 5
NAPLES (Mr. T. Walls)......Walls 10 5
IRISH SKIES (Sir S. Wootton)..Wootton 10 5

1.30—OATLANDS HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. 3½ m.

WHITE SURREY (Sir H. Meux) Gore 12 12 7
THE BLEEKA (Mr. McKevitt)...G. Poole 7 12 4
GEM (Maj. C. W. M. Norrie)...G. Bennett 8 11 13
DRINMOND (Ld. Queenborough) Gore 7 11 13
AMMONAL (Mr. J. W. Wood) Stanley 7 11 8
THE SHERIFF (Mr. Parsonage) Whitaker 6 11 7
CUCKMERE LAD (Mr. F. Strange) T. Wilson 9 11 5
TEST MATCH (Mr. Mosenthal) Martin 6 11 4
DWARF OF THE FOREST (Mr. H. Kennard)......S. Bennet a 11 3
RED BEE (Maj. Wernher)......Weatherell 6 10 11
SANTOX (Maj. H. W. C. Lloyd) Powell 7 10 9
GARDENRATH (Mr. P. Layton) S. Bennet 9 10 7

2.0—HOUNSLOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m. (Weights raised 5lb.) Age st. lb.

NONENTITY (Mr. C. M. Methven) Powell 7 12 7
PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) C. Young 5 12 5
TUSCAN (Miss A. A. Tyler)...Larkin 6 12 5
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. A. Edge) G. Poole 4 12 3
VICTORY SPEECH (Mr. F. J. Benson) E. Piggott 7 12 1
POOBAH (7lb. ex.) (Capt. A. Wheeler) Kirk 8 12 1
WARRINGTON (Mrs. Palmer) W. Payne 5 12 0
CHALTOI (Mr. E. Martin)......Martin 11 12 0
POLISSON (Mr. Osmond)......Larkin 6 11 13
TREBLE SCOTCH (Mr. Gore)......Gore 8 11 13
BOY MAC (Mrs. K. Paling)......Smyth 4 11 12
MOSELEY (Mr. F. Phillips)......Anthony 4 11 10
ITALIAN SUMMER (Mr. G. N. Gennett) G. Bennett 7 11 5
SIMON ROSS (Mrs. Walton)......Martin 4 11 8
FELTHAM HILL (Mr. Robb)......Robb 6 11 7
BRANDY SNAP (Mr. Parrish).MacColl 6 11 6
DAMAR (Mr. T. Fitton)......Fitton 7 11 5
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 10 11 5
LAVERSTOKE (Mr. H. Wells).Cameron 4 11 1
DOMINICAN (Mr. Reardon)..J. Reardon 4 10 12

2.30—SOLIMAN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 450 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

NOCE D'ARGENT (Mr. Cohen) Wootton 4 12 7
CIVIC GUARD (Mr. H. Kershaw) Anthony 5 12 6
FLAMING SWORD (Lady Watts) G. Poole 5 12 6
DETRITUS (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 4 12 1
DORADO (Sir Mathew Wilson) W. Nightingall 8 11 13
SMOKE CLOUD (Lieut.-Col. O'Malley-Keyes)......Martin 5 11 7
TULLYLOST (Mr. J. Putnam) G. Poole 5 11 6
PERAHARA (Mr. H. Collins) G. Bennett 4 11 5
ALL AWAY (Mrs. John Howeson) W. Nightingall 4 11 1
CONFIRMATION (Mr. S. Cohen) Tabor 4 11 1
CROISEUR (Mr. W. P. Larkin) Larkin 5 11 0
KINNAIRD (Mr. Eric Platt) F. Hartigan 4 11 0
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. J. W. Coll) Craven 5 10 3
ALOPEX (Mr. J. Hutton) ......G. Poole 4 10 3
PERICO (Mrs. C. Stevens) ......Stevens 7 10 2

3.0—HAMPTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

SIR HUON (Lord Woolavington)...Gore 10 12 7
SILVER HACKLE (Lady Westmorland) Westmorland 6 12 7
GOOD POINTS (Mr. W. Filmer Sankey) G. Bennett 9 12 3
START AGAIN (Mr. S. Bennett) S. Bennet 6 12 0
TOM CROW (Lord Queenborough)...Gore 7 11 13
KNOCKCROGHERY II. (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 10 11 13
CYLVIDA (Mr. E. Piggott)...E. Piggott 7 11 13
CHARLIE WISE (Mr. A. C. Saunders) Martin 7 11 12
PROGRESS (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 6 11 10
GROUND SCOUT (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 6 11 10
WEE LADDIE (Captain C. Davey)..Goby 5 11 9
DOUBLE CHANCE (Mr. Fred Archer) F. Archer 8 11 8
BROADWAY (Mr. H. A. Green)...Spittle 9 11 8
HEAD MASTER (Mr. T. W. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 6 11 6
WHITE RONALD (Mr. R. McAlpine) G. Poole 10 11 5
PROSPERITZ (Mr. J. S. Counsell) E. Piggott 10 11 5
CARROLSTOWN (Miss W. G. Knight) G. Bennett 8 11 4
RANTER (Mr. W. F. Larkin)......Larkin 8 11 2
HOLIDAY HALL (Major H. Lyons) Hastings 6 11 2
FLEECY WAVE (Mr. P. F. Quinlan) Kilalee 10 11 2
SOUTHPOOL (Mrs. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 6 11 2
FRENCH LEAVE (Colonel R. P. Croft) H. Law 8 11 2
HENRY B. (Mr. B. Fitch)......G. Poole 8 11 2
FAIR VIEW (Mr. J. Wood)...Stanley 10 11 0
FORMIDABLE (Lord Cawley)......Powell 4 10 12
LONE HAND (Mr. A. T. Hedges) H. Hedges 6 10 11
FUGO (Mr. T. Davidson) ......Hastings 6 10 11
MISCONDUCT (Maj. D. Methven) Powell 5 10 11
CRAGGIE ROCK (Mr. T. Hartigan) C. Young 9 10 9
MERRY HORN (Mr. W. Hyde) Binstead 5 10 0

3.30—FULWELL THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 1½ m.

IRISH CHEDDAR (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) E. Martin 10 7
ARGENTINE (Mr. E. Bates) ...W. Payne 10 7
CLOTH OF GOLD (Mr. J. Baylis) T. Leader 10 7
MIXED DOUBLE (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 10 7
FINAL CHOICE (Mr. M. H. Benson) Hyams 10 7
GOLDSMITH (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ...Higgs 10 7
FARINA (Lord Cawley)......Powell 10 7
JAUNTING CAR (Mr. B. Cohen) ...Batho 10 7
IMPRUDENCE (Mrs. Cornelius)......Larkin 10 7
HASTY CATCH (Mr. Cresswell)......Tabor 10 7
PROSPICE (Major D. Dixon)......Private 10 7
SILVER ISLAND (Mr. D. Goold) F. Archer 10 7
BILLYBECK (Mr. W. L. Green)......Gwilt 10 7
SYNCOPATE (Mr. J. Hutton)......G. Poole 10 7
HIGH COURT (Mrs. F. M. Lloyd) Anthony 10 7
ILLYRIAN (Sir M. McAlpine) ...G. Poole 10 7
BRIGHT LAND (Mr. W. H. McAlpine) G. Poole 10 7
QUENTIN DURWARD (Mr. H. J. Newman)......E. Piggott 10 7
HARRWICK (Mr. A. Prince) ......Hedges 10 7
SURVIVOR (Mr. J. Reardon) J. Reardon 10 7
SOLAR ECLIPSE (Mr. D. L. Shuter) Smyth 10 7
TUTANKHAMEN (Mr. H. M. Stobart) J. M. Bell 10 7
GRANPAU (Lady Westmorland) W. Nightingall 10 7
MERRY MINSTREL (Sir Mathew Wilson) Westmorland 10 7

SWIMMING.

SANDYCOVE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS DAY RACE.

The annual race of the Sandycove Club will be held on Christmas Day at the "Forty Foot" at 12 o'clock sharp. Members of all affiliated clubs invited.

CLONTARF CLUB'S CHRISTMAS MORNING RACE.

The annual race promoted by the Clontarf Club will take place at the Clontarf Baths at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow. The race is open to the members of any amateur sporting organisation, whether of swimming, football, hurling, or hockey.

DUNSTALL PARK (WOLVERHAMPTON)

PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

In Christmas week racing Wolverhampton holds a prominent place with a highly interesting programme. The track, despite the abnormally rainy season, is in excellent condition. In all cases the take-off of the fences has been sanded, and screened ash has been lightly used on other parts of the course. An excellent and entirely new fence on the canal side has been erected in place of the one at which Captain Bennet unfortunately met with the fatal accident. Eighty boxes have already been ordered. On Friday the most valuable event on the card is the Christmas Cup of 400 sovs. Some useful animals are entered, including Fariray, who has to give weight away all round to Hairpin II., Dudley, Ground Scout, Colestown, and Nitric. Mr. Brown undoubtedly holds a good hand with Dudley and Ground Scout. Selections:—

Christmas Cup—**Mr. Brown's selected.**
Ruckley Hurdle—**Lenglen.**
Shifnal Steeplechase—**Golden Fleece.**
Boxing Day Hurdle—**Drinkless.**
Wyfold Hurdle—**Sun Charmer.**
Penkridge Steeplechase—**Hairpin II.**

12.50—SHIFNAL SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

STROLLING KNIGHT (Mr. Brown) Private a 11 1
YEOMAN (Mr. F. Hutsby) ..D. Harrison 5 11 1
CUPID'S DART (Capt. T. McDougal) McDougal a 11 1
HAVE A CARE (Maj. D. M. Methven) Powell a 11 1
GOLDEN FLEECE (Mr. W. Parrish) H. Harrison 13 11 1
L'AFRICAIN (Mr. P. Sharp) ......Saxby a 11 1
PASTURES NEW (Mr. R. Thelwall) Threlwell 14 11 1
NEWTOWN WONDER (Mr. H. J. Brueton) McDougal 6 10 11
MORNING STAR (Mr. J. Baylis) T. Leader 9 10 11

1.20—BOXING DAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

JUNK (Mrs. S. Bennett)......Bennett 5 12 7
GILDED SPURS (Mr. S. Moore) ..Davey 5 12 7
TRANSFORM (Miss H. Rodocanachi) Powell 8 12 6
BUENASUERTE (Mr. G. W. Hands) Saxby 6 12 5
BROXA (Miss Florence Patrick)...Bedford 6 12 3
EARLY BIRD (Mr. H. Adams)...Newey 4 12 2
BOYNE WATER (Mr. G. R. Lawrence) Lawrence 8 12 1
WEB MON (Mr. J. Baylis)......Shedden 8 12 0
ARVAKUR (Mr. E. McGregor)..McGregor 6 11 13
MYGLYS (Mr. Hugh Peel)...H. Harrison 5 11 13
MORNING STAR (Mr. J. Baylis) Shedden 8 11 12
PAULINUS (Mr. C. D. W. Parrish) Powell 5 11 11
FRIAR DENNIS (Mr. G. P. Parry) Bullock 6 11 11
WARRAIN (Mr. C. Piggott)...C. Piggott 5 11 11
HERE'S HOPING (Mr. J. G. Lyall) J. Lyall 5 11 10
MARY SELBY (Mr. A. S. Holmes) Sheridan 4 11 9
B. JAY (Mr. W. Payne)......W. Payne 6 11 8
BRANDY SNAP (Mr W Parrish)..MacColl 6 11 5
BUFFOON (Mr. H. Adams)......Newey 6 11 4
EDNA'S CHOICE (Miss E. M. Wharton) Bedford 5 11 4
BOREAS (Mr. R. White)......Pope 4 11 4
NICE ONE (Eleanor Lady Torrington) Hyams 4 11 3
CROISSANT D'OR (Mr. F. Wint)...Wint 6 11 2
CHARLIE'S UNCLE (Captain H. E. de Trafford)......W. Payne 8 11 2
MADURO (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis)...Newey 7 11 0
DRINK LESS (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 5 10 13
DUG MAJOR (Mr. T. H. Lewis) Chamberlain 9 10 6
BRIDGES (Miss E. M. Wharton)..Bedford 3 10 5
JACK SHEPPARD (Mr. A. J. Chamberlain) Chamberlain 8 10 4
ACE OF DIAMONDS (Mr. J. A. Glannell) Shedden 5 10 0

1.50—WYFORD HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

FERDIA (Mr. Bullock)......Bullock 7 12 0
SUN CHARMER (Sir Delves Broughton) Coulthwaite 5 12 0
HARPENDEN (Mrs. S. Whitburn) Spittle 5 12 0
FORNOVO (Mrs. Sanday)......Sanday 5 12 0
CROBET (Miss D. Smallwood) ...G. Read 5 12 0
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. W. Murray) McDougal 6 12 0
LEMBACH (Mr. W. T. de Pledge) ..Pope 5 12 0
CARRIG LONG (Mr. Power) ......Luby 5 12 0
MOIDORE (Mr. E. W. Merrell) ...Merrell 6 12 0
KARELIA (Mr. G. W. Hands) .....Saxby 6 12 0
KNOCKINLAW (Mr. Cunningham) S. Bennet 5 11 10
FOXFOOT (Mr. T. K. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite 9 11 10
THE TURK (Capt. H. E. de Trafford) W. Payne a 11 10
HORSHAM (Mr. T. L. Walker) ..Hastings 5 11 10
BIBLOS (Mr. H. S. Challenor) ..Gilbert 4 11 9
MONTAGUE (Mr. R. Day) ......A. Waugh 4 11 9
DRUMKIRK (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 4 11 9
ICARUS (Mrs. A. Mitchell) ......Mitchell 4 11 9
MOUNTAIN STAG (Mr. C. Taylor) Coulthwaite 4 11 9
CAUCHEMAR (Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark) Private 4 11 9
BATH OLIVER (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) D. Harrison 4 11 5
RARA (Lady Edgar)......Whitaker 4 11 5
PARIS FLIGHT (Mr. G. C. Hans Hamilton) Cobb 4 11 5
GIGARMET (Mr. H. Moulding) ..Private 4 11 5
MACHALL (Mrs. M. Roberts) ......Saxby 4 11 5
KELVIN (Ld. Carnarvon) ..H. A. Brown 4 11 5
RECALMED (Mr. R. C. Pearson) C. Piggott 3 10 4
ONE GUINEA (Ld. Willoughby de Broke) H. Turner 3 10 4
ROYAL ORB (Mr. J. Adams) H. Harrison 3 10 0
SEEKER (Mr. T. M. Lofthouse) ..Saxby 3 10 0
JOHN WISE (Mr. E. T. O'Sullivan) O'Sullivan 3 10 0

2.20—CHRISTMAS CUP, a handicap steeplechase of 400 sovs. (including a Cup value 50 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

FARIRAY (Mr. P. Monahan) Coulthwaite 7 12 7
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday 10 12 6
DUDLEY (Ld. Londesborough) Private 10 12 3
KING SOLITUDE (Mrs. C. Bower-Ismay)......Hastings 6 12 1
WILD TIMES (Mrs. A. Crichton) H. A. Brown 7 12 0
COLESTOWN (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 9 11 13
TULLYGOREY (Mr. T. B. Donnelly) Gilbert 10 11 12
OLD TIMES (Mr. C. Taylor) Coulthwaite 6 11 11
SUPER MAN (Mr. W. A. Bankier) Hastings 9 11 7
DRUMREE (Mrs. Sanday)......Sanday 8 11 4
POLYNIA (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) Newey 5 11 1
GROUND SCOUT (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 6 10 11
LADY ALVERY (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 6 10 10
RATHLUCK (Ld. Londesborough) Private 6 10 9
NITRIC (Mr. Hood)......Sanday 9 10 8
PREDIAL (Mr. P. Goodman)......Larkin 5 10 8
LADY BELGIAN (Mrs. K. Fenwick) Westmorland 5 10 8
ARDOON'S PRIDE (Mr. E. A. Stanley) Hastings 4 10 6
FOXTROT (Capt. C. W. Brennand) Brennand 8 10 4
FUGO (Mr. T. Davidson)......Hastings 6 10 3

2.50—RUCKLEY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

ZENON (Capt. R. Thompson) ..Thompson 8 12 7
MAY KING (Mrs. M. D. Coats) McDougal 5 12 3
PERISHEEN (Mr. H. Stokes) ......Smyth 9 12 1
ISLE OF WIGHT (Maj. Eves) W. Payne 5 12 0
FORTUNE (Mr. H. Cope) ......Shedden 6 12 0
NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore) Private 9 11 12
MERRILY (Mr. H. Harrison) H. Harrison 5 11 11
ENVOY (Mr. H. A. Brown) ..H. A. Brown 7 11 10
BALLYRAG (Mr. F. W. Baker) ......East 5 11 10
LENGLEN (Mr. H. Adams)......Newey 5 11 7
BALLYALTON (Sir Francis Price) Gilbert 4 11 7
VONNA (Lord Wavertree) ......Fergusson 4 11 6
BATTLE CRUISER (Mr. R. Mealings) Butchers 4 11 6
BRUFF BATTLE (Mrs. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 5 11 6
ANTIMAGIC (Mr. Osmond) ......Larkin 5 11 5
BAYDON (Lord Wavertree) ....Fergusson 5 11 5
BABU (Mr. J. Holmes) ......D. Harrison 4 11 5
MASTER OF ARTS (Mr. W. A. Bankier) Hastings 7 11 3
WINDCOTE (Mr. G. Reed) ....R. Payne 4 11 1
TRUSTY (Mr. F. N. Ault) ....Newey 4 11 1
SLEEPING PARTNER (Mr. C. C. Parr) J. Lyall 5 10 7
FAMILIARITY (Sir R. W. B. Jardine) Coulthwaite 4 10 6
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. J. G. Thomas) F. A. Brown 3 10 5
L.L. (Mrs. N. Roberts) ......Roberts 3 10 3

3.15—PENKRIDGE STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2½ m. Age st. lb.

CONJUROR II. (Maj. Dewhurst) Hastings 12 13 4
VAULX (Mr. C. Piggott) ....C. Piggott 10 13 4
TURKEY BUZZARD (Mrs. H. M. Hollins) W. Payne 11 13 4
FLY MASK (Mr. T. K. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite 10 13 4
JIMMU (Mr. G. P. Sanday) ......Sanday 10 13 4
HARRISMITH (Col. R. L. Birkin) W. Payne 9 12 11
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday 10 12 11
SOME DANCER (Mr. G. Brennand) G. Brennand 6 11 11
TREPRENAL (Capt. A. Loewenstein) Private 6 11 10
THE LOUT (Mr. S. Moore) ......Davey 6 11 7
KORUSKAN (Col. G. Paynter) Chadwick 7 10 6
RED BONE (Maj. G. E. W. Franklyn) Rayson 6 10 0
SOLDIER BILL (Mr. A. Hood) ..Sanday 8 10 0
SANDALWOOD (Mr. A. E. Kinahan) Bletsoe 5 10 0
ANOTHER ENCOUNTER (Capt. A. Loewenstein)......Private 8 10 0
GRANGE BATTLE (Col. G. Paynter) Chadwick 6 10 0

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1924.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th. FIRST RACE EACH DAY, 1.15 P.M.

A Train with Reserved Carriages for Members leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day, returning from Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day after racing is over.

Members will only be admitted to Reserved Carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, Tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course. Gentleman, 2 gns.; Lady, 8s. 6d. per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Office at Harcourt street Station on the days of Racing.—(Advt.).

The whole agricultural industry, while suffering from economic depression, is also suffering from a surfeit of politicians.—The Prime Minister.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Culmullen	1.30
Saturday, 27th	Kilbride	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Friday, 26th	Narraghmore Village	11. 0
Saturday, 27th	Celbridge	11. 0

THE MEATH.

Today	Slane Castle	11. 0
Friday, 26th	Allenstown	11. 0

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

The largest meet of the season with this pack has to be chronicled in connection with last Saturday's fixture at the 8th Mile Stone, and a number of visitors and many youthful "Nimrods," home for the holidays, enjoyed an excellent day's sport. Enlarging the famous "Garristown," who was making his *début* this season, on Mr. Robert Clarke's lands, at Robertstown, this old warrior quickly set his course straight for the well-known landmark from which he gained his name, the Hill of Garristown. Scent being poor when the hounds were laid on, they could only run at a moderate pace by Rapley and Palmerstown, crossing the river into Johnstown, and running on over the road into Cornstown, before coming to a check. Recovering the line, they crossed the formidable Cornstown Brook into the Milching Banks, and hunted by Mr. M'Grath's house to Charlestown, before ascending the hill at Tobbergregan. Here the stag had soiled in the old quarry on top of the hill, until the hounds arrived on the scene, when going away in view, they raced him by the Hill of Garristown, across the Borranstown road into Newtown, and along the valley, almost to Money Hill. Quickly breaking their view, he turned to the left by Primatestown and crossed the main road by Kilmoon, and favouring the left again, by Grant's Wood and Ballyhack to Coolfore. Being hotly pursued he turned to the right through Kingswood, and made for his old retreat at Kilbrew, where the pack brought him to bay in the Hurley River, and pressing him away, he quickly found a safer sanctuary in a farmyard at Curragha, after giving a fine hunt of 65 minutes over a big line of country, which occassioned a good deal of grief.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

A GALLOP OF THE SEASON.

The present week opened at Kilnagros on Monday in wet and blustery weather, which was the prelude to the violent storm that broke over the whole country that evening. A fox found in Potterton's was eventually put to ground near Kildalkey, and the subsequent items from Trimblestown and Rathmore do not merit special attention.

It blew "cats and dogs," and rained, too, all Monday night, but that period was most enjoyably spent at the ball given by Lord and Lady Dunsany, which was kept up with extra vim until 5.15 on Tuesday morning. It looked as if some of the motors going home from the dance would be blown over, or held up by fallen trees, but happily there were no casualties, and just at 9 a.m. on Tuesday an almost miraculous change came over the scene, as the sun came out and the wind dropped. There was a large assemblage at Dunsany by 11 o'clock, but a fine looking fox found in the railway wood only gave demesne work.

Hill of Glane being blank, Mr. John Leonard's good laurel covert at Culmullen was called on, and supplied the right article, after which the bitches raced, and practically never dwelt, for 55 minutes. The line taken was straight across the bottoms as if for Grange, but bearing left-handed, Dorey's forge was passed a couple fields on the right, and a big left-handed sweep followed back through Baltrasna and Culmullen and out again on a somewhat similar curve until our quarry just saved his brush at Gullaghleagan. Though not straight, it was quite one of the best gallops of the season, and many horses were ridden to a standstill. Very few came on to see Pelletstown drawn, when the grand scent still was manifest as the pack flew for 10 minutes to ground at Parsonstown, which finished a very high-class day.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

Friday, December 19th.—Elmgrove. The wild gorse at Ballie was first drawn, and a fox was quickly halloaed away, and with a capital scent hounds raced over the bottoms and straight through the Silver Stream, leaving the house on the right, and crossing the Drogheda road ran very fast to Mullaghteelin, where we marked to ground. This was a brilliant 25 minutes. Kentstown was next drawn. A hare was immediately on foot and running straight over Mullaghteelin hill to Leggan Hall, went by Listornan to Claremont and into Dardistown, and running by the fox covert this good hare took us back to Claremont, where hounds rolled her over, after a good hunt of 55 minutes.

Monday, 23rd.—The Boot. Mr. Cuffe's farm at Collinstown, as usual, held a good hare, and making a point for the Aerodrome, she wheeled by Collinstown House and over to Ballystruan, where we lost in a field of turnips. Dunbroe was drawn blank, but a hare found in Harristown gave us a capital gallop round Harristown House, and into Portmellick, thence by Coultry to Collinstown, and wheeling back into Miss Quinn's farm at Ballymun, crossed into Sillogue, and running straight to Harristown House, we lost at the farmyard. This finished a good day's sport.

THE ORMOND HOUNDS.

GOOD SPORT.

These hounds had a very good day's sport from the Cloughjordan meet on 16th inst. Knockrue was blank for the first time this season, but Ballycapple supplied a good fox, which gave a ringing hunt of one hour and ten minutes through Middle Walk, Ballygibben, and was killed in Hogan's Furze. The next draw was Captain Whitfield's good covert that never fails to hold. The moment hounds were put in there was a leash of foxes on foot. Finally hounds got away together on a stout fox, and ran very fast to Knockrue, through the covert, and across the Nenagh road to the outskirts of Myrton Hall. Then, turning right-handed, the pack ran hard back to Modreeney and through the covert without a check, right across Bantas to the Cloughjordan-Nenagh road, where hounds were stopped owing to darkness—an excellent hunt of one hour and 35 minutes.

On Friday, 19th, the meet was at Fortal Crossroads. There were so many foxes on foot in Mr. Corcoran's covert that the pack could not get settled down on one, so after a lot of covert hunting they had to be left. Irishtown, the next draw, held a brace of foxes, one of which broke after a lot of covert hunting, with a very bad scent. Going away across Clonbeg and into Coolderry hounds ran at a fast pace, and turning to the left they ran through Bushy Park, over the Knock hill, and crossed Glenacurra to Dromoyle. Here they turned right-handed to Ballygaddy, and went across Ballywilliam to the Knock. Avoiding the covert hounds swung left-handed over Ballywilliam hill down to Leap Castle, where they hunted up the steps and right in through a window. All efforts to find him in the castle failed. This was a really good hunt over a grand country, with a great scent in the open. The time of this fine run was two-and-a-half hours.

KILDARE HOUNDS.—December—Tuesday, 30th, 18th Milestone. January—Thursday, 1st, Dollardstown Gate; Saturday, 3rd, Enfield; Tuesday, 6th, Longtown; Friday, 9th, Kildangan; Saturday, 10th, Courtown Gate; Tuesday, 13th, Blessington; Thursday, 15th, Dunlavin; Saturday, 17th, Betaghstown Crossroads; Tuesday, 20th, Bishopscourt; Thursday, 22nd, Calverstown; Saturday, 24th, Maynooth. At 11 o'clock. Change of Meet—Friday, December 26th, Narraghmore, instead of Kildangan.

LOUTH HOUNDS.—January, 1925—Saturday, 3rd, Rokeby; Wednesday, 7, Gormanstown; Saturday, 10, Churchtown Cross; Tuesday, 13, Beaulieu; Saturday, 17, Mooretown; Wednesday, 21, Ardcath (11.30); Saturday, 24, Collon; Wednesday, 28, Julianstown; Saturday, 31, Monalty. At 11 o'clock.

COUNTY DOWN STAG HOUNDS.—January—Thursday, 1st, Glasswater Bridge, 12.0; Saturday, 3rd, Ferguson's Cross-roads, 12.0; Tuesday, 6th, Poland's Bridge, 12.45; Thursday, 8th, Castlescreen, 12.30; Saturday, 10th, Tullygirvan, 12.0; Tuesday, 13th, Garvaghey School, 12.45; Thursday, 15th, The Spa, 12.30; Saturday, 17th, Darragh Cross-roads, 12.0; Tuesday, 20th, Ballykeel Cross-roads (Lough Aghery), 12.45; Thursday, 22nd, Molly Blaney's Cross-roads, 12.30; Saturday, 24th, Boardmills, 12.30; Tuesday, 27th, Quinney's Rocks, 12.45; Thursday, 29th, Clontagh Cross-roads, 12.0; Saturday, 31st, The Temple, 12.0.

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COURSING.

BOYNE VALLEY (NAVAN) MEETING.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Kennedy. Slipper—D. Egan.

THE OLDTOWN STAKE—For 8 puppies. Winner, £9; second, £4.

Mr. Kinsella's Killura Chief agst. Mr. J. Mullen's Lady Rockdale.
Mr. N. Rooney's Merry Moucher agst. Mr. G. Irwin's Little Biddy Flynn.
Mr. C. Caddell's My Select agst. Mr. J. Bruton's Beaming Firm.
Mrs. M. Doyle's Hero Lad agst. Mr. P. Mitchell's Boyne Rover.

THE JOHNSTOWN STAKE—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £11; second, £5.

Mr. J. Fagan's Free Trading agst. Mr. J. L. Langan's Lorraine.
Mr. R. McAuley's Gay Gossoon agst. Mr. G. W. Ahern's Battle Dawn.
Mr. W. Duffy's Heather Honey agst. Mr. L. Mongey's Merry Whisper.
Mr. T. Jackson's Victorious Maysie agst. Mr. L. Mongey's Millar's Pride.

FOLLISTOWN STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £12; second, £5; two dogs, £1 10/- each.

Mr. A. Rennick's White Quarry Lass agst. Mr. M. Byrne's Ardcath Beauty.
Mr. W. Swan's Lively Erin agst. Mr. J. McNalty's Ben Machree.
Mr. R. Grace's Madge's Chum agst. Mr. J. Callagy's Quixo.
Mr. T. Jackson's Cheerful Tune agst. Mr. M. Carolan's Black Jet.
Mr. J. Corrigan's Llandudno agst. Mr. T. McHugh's Dunany.
Mr. J. Poland's Holly Leaves agst. Mr. S. Rennick's Coolfore.
Mr. L. Lynch's Lady of the Rose agst. Mr. J. Bruton's Beaming Beauty.
Mr. T. Jackson's Invor Lady agst. Mr. J. Murray's Molly O'Moore.

Meet at Casey's Cross (1½ miles from Navan) at 9 o'clock. First brace in slips at 9.30 sharp.

ENNISKILLEN.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. M. Skehan. Slipper—P. McSweeney.

IRISH BREEDERS' TRIAL STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner £20, second £10, two dogs £2 15/- each.

Mr. I. Chambers' Condy agst. Mr. W. R. Morton's Na You See.
Mr. H. Wilson's Whinberry agst. Mr. J. Dolan's Drumleaden.
Mr. R. Fyffe's Courting Boy agst. Mr. R. Molloy's Mullagh Ard.
Mr. J. E. Connolly's Erne's Glen agst. Mr. J. Swift's Colleen Lass.
Mr. N. Corrigan's Innishmore Boy agst. Mr. A. Mills's Another Dempsey.
Mr. J. Cawden's Clause 12 agst. Mr. W. Blake's Cheerful Brigand.
Mr. J. Higgins's Ma Dilwa agst. Mr. J. P. Browne's Brazen Buffer.
Mr. W. T. Hogg's Spotted Red agst. Mr. T. R. Cowan's Clonkeen Boy.

BELLEISLE STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner £28, second £12, two dogs £3 each.

Mr. J. Trodden's Midnight Sniper agst. Mr. T. Brennan's Castlering.
Mr. G. McIntyre's Drumhaldry Scutcher agst. Mr. J. Dolan's Pedra Woher.
Mr. J. P. McGuire's Murley Rebel agst. Mr. J. Maguire's Felon Leader.
Mr. J. McCutcheon's Flying Victor agst. Mr. A. McNamee's Hernman.
Mr. J. A. Devers' Dress Circle agst. Mr. P. McGirr's Broken Dick.
Mr. P. Layden's Strandhill Boy agst. Mr. T. Smith's Sharp Moon.
Mr. N. Casey's Castleroche agst. Mr. P. Brady's Craftyclio.
Mrs. Carson's Patricia Desmond agst. Mr. T. Farley's Romany Rose.

CASTLECOOLE STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner £20, second £8, two dogs £2 5/- each.

Mr. P. Layden's Lough Allen Lad agst. Mr. T. J. Murphy's Road to Ruin.
Mr. J. P. Browne's Best Bout agst. Mr. J. Barton's Banaghmore Lad.
Mr. M. O'Bierne's The Rascal agst. Mr. F. Lunny's Light Looks.
Mr. T. F. Campbell's Cathal MacGarvey agst. Mr. M. Reilly's Master Robert.
Mr. J. Griffin's Hasty Mac agst. Mr. W. R. Morton's Moseley.
Mr. J. A. Devers' Deputy Speaker agst. Mr. I. Chambers' Cosy Carrothers.
Mr. B. McKiernan's Morney's Favourite agst. Mr. P. Caldwell's Derryheen.
Mr. F. Marshall's Moorland Honey agst. Mr. D. Henderson's Rear Hammer.

LONGFORD MEETING POSTPONED.

Owing to the scarcity of hares, the Longford Coursing Meeting fixed for January 1 has been postponed to a later date. —(Advt.)

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DUBLIN "HOLD UP."

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

In the Dublin District Court, before Mr. Collins, yesterday, the three young men, Edward Dodd, Joseph O'Brien and John Byrne, who are charged with the attempted murder of Francis O'Gorman, national school teacher, near Blackrock, on the night of the 27th November last were put forward on remand. The prisoners who have already been several times before the Court, are alleged to have "held up" Mr. O'Gorman, beat him, and at the same time fired shots at him with a revolver.

A fourth man, named Patrick Turner, was put forward yesterday charged with complicity in the affair.

Mr. O'Flaherty (State Solicitor's Department) prosecuted; Mr. James Brady appeared for Dodd and O'Brien; Mr. J. H. O'Brien for Byrne; and Mr. Gerald Byrne for Turner.

Mr. O'Gorman, recalled, stated that on the 25th November, two days before the attack, he received the following letter:—"You are a tyrant. Your days are numbered. Beware. R.I.P."

Mary O'Brien, mother of Joseph O'Brien, stated that the prisoner Turner was a chum of her son. On the day after his arrest he came to her and said that he was aware of the night the "hold up" was to take place and of the sending of the threatening letter. She said: "God forgive you. Why did you not tell me before, so that I could keep my son out of it?"

The prisoners were returned for trial to the Circuit Court, bail being refused.

NEW ENGLISH RECORDERS.

The King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr. Henry Holman Gregory, K.C., to be Recorder of Bristol, in place of the late Dr. William Blake Odgers, K.C.

Mr. Rayner Goddard, K.C., to be Recorder of Bath, in succession to Mr. Holman Gregory, K.C., who resigns on appointment to the Recordership of Bristol.

Mr. William Thomas Lawrance, K.C., to be Recorder of Poole, in succession to Mr. Rayner Goddard, K.C., who resigns on appointment to the Recordership of Bath.

It takes a lot to stir the people of this country (Great Britain) to their depth.—Mr. Churchill.

SELECTIONS FOR WOLVERHAMPTON MEETING, FRIDAY.

PAPER.	12.30 RACE.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Mr. Brown's selected	Lenglen.	Golden Fleece.	Drinkless.	Sun Charmer.	Hairpin II.
S. Life and Sportsman	Golden Fleece.	Brandy Snap.	Drumkirk.	Dudley; if absent, Colestown.	Familiarity.	Vaulx; if absent, Hairpin II.
Man on the Spot	Golden Fleece.	Morning Star.	Sun Charmer.	Superman.	Lenglen.	Vaulx.
Westminster Gazette	Golden Fleece.	Croissant d'Or.	Montague.	Dudley; if absent, Hairpin II.	Familiarity.	Vaulx.
Daily News	Golden Fleece.	Croissant d'Or.	Sun Charmer.	Superman.	Perisheen.	Fly Mask.
Daily Mail	Golden Fleece.	Transform.	Sun Charmer.	Nitric.	Familiarity.	Vaulx.
Daily Express	Golden Fleece; if ab., L'Africain.	Transform; if ab., Brandy Snap.	Sun Charmer; if ab., Ferdia.	Dudley; if absent, Fariray.	Lenglen; if ab., Perisheen.	Turkey Buzzard, if ab., Vaulx.
Daily Mirror	Golden Fleece.	B. Jay	Drumkirk.	Hairpin II.	Perisheen.	Vaulx.
Daily Graphic	Golden Fleece.	Transform.	Clochnaben.	Fariray.	Battle Cruiser.	Fly Mask.
Times	Golden Fleece.	—	Sun Charmer.	Dudley; if ab., Fariray.	—	Vaulx.

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FINANC[IAL]

IRISH S[TOCK] EXCHAN[GE]

DUBLI[N]

FUNDS SELLERS. RAI[LS] DISTILLERS' PRIC[ES] COURTAULDS LOW[ER] AND CALICOS ST[...] TYRE DIVIDENDS [...] CEIVED.

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In Trading, etc., J. [...] Pref. rose 1s. 6d. to 11[...] and Shell Transports 3[...] *Times* Pref. again reali[sed]

BUSINESS DONE A[...]
Transactions for ca[sh]

National Loan.(92½)	92½	
Compensation Stock (90)	90	
Consols ....(57)	57	
5% War Loan (101½)	101½	
Conver. Loan..(78¾)	78⅜	
War Bonds 1928...105½		
India 4½%	86⅞	
Guar. Land.....(57)	56⅝	
3% Land ......(64⅛)	64⅛	
Belfast Water 1926...95		
Do. 1953-8...59½		
Bank Ireland.(275)	275c	
Hibernian ......(7⅛)	7⅛	
Mun. & Lein.....(6⅛)	6⅝	
Distillers Ord. (46/6)	55/3 /9	
Dub. Distillers Deb..*61½		
Guinness ...(49½)	49⅛ ⅛	
East. Tel. Deb.	79⅛	
Marconi ......(30/9)	30/-	
G.N. Ord.......(55½)	56	
Do. Pref.........(57)	57½	

* Odd lot, b[...]
(Last business done g[...])

IRISH BAN[KS]

Discount ....
Deposit ....

STOCK EXCHANGE

Mining contango day.
General contango day.
Ticket day ....
Account day ....

BELFA[ST]

Exchange had a holi[day] and only a small numbe[r] recorded. War Loan [...] later ⅛ higher; Victory [...] Loan 89[...], Conversion L[oan] and Co. Down Railwa[y] British American Tob[acco] Tobacco 88s., Dunlop [...] 10s. 4½d.

PROVINCIAL [...]

MANCHESTER.—Furthe[r] good support. Bleachers 22/6; Calicos, 37/6-37[...] Dyers, 84/-85/-; Pref., [...] 61/6; Pref., 19/9-20/-; S[...] 19/6-20/-; "Stubbers," [...] Ship Canal, 8⅛-8¼; P[...] 30/6-31/-.

BIRMINGHAM. — Mo[...] Standards and Rovers [...] rising again. Napiers sca[...] 6/3; Tyres quiet; Austins, [...] mels, 37/6; Components, [...] fields, 28/-; Humbers, 29/[...] 19/6; Rolls, 27/4½; Rove[r] Standards, 48/6; Swifts, [...] Vauxhalls, 5/9; Dunlops, [...]

TRAF[FICS]

Egyptian Markets—Wee[k] decrease £556. Egyptian [...] Period to Dec. 10 (ten d[ays]) £482. Barsi Light Rail[way] Rs.27,700; decrease Rs.4,[...] Tramways—Week to Dec. [...] $988. Zafra Huelva [...] increase £2,413. Assam [...] to Nov. 22, Rs.311,00[...] Salvador Railway—Week [...] crease £775. Alcoy-Ga[ndia] Dec. 20, Ps.28,500; decrea[se] Railway—Week to Dec. [...] £8,272. Mersey Railwa[y] £4,788; increase £312. New Cape Central Rail[way] 29, £2,097, decrease £26[...] week to December 20, [...] Rs.4,921.

IRISH TR[AFFICS]

Last Wee[k] £

Gt. Southern...	91,385—3[...]
Gt. Northern...	39,500—[...]
Dublin S.E. ...	8,737—[...]
Cork & Macroom	604—[...]
Co. Down	4,438

OIL RE[...]

British Controlled Oilf[ields] brought into production [...] with an estimated flow of [...]

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

FUNDS SELLERS. RAILS IRREGULAR. DISTILLERS' PRICE ADJUSTMENT. COURTAULDS LOWER. BLEACHERS AND CALICOS STRONG. PARENT TYRE DIVIDENDS NOT YET RECEIVED.

Yesterday was the last business day on the Dublin Stock Exchange prior to the Christmas holidays, which will extend over the rest of the current week. Business was quiet owing to the various influences of the present moment. Government National Loan was dull and on offer. British Funds on balance were easier. Banks were scarcely changed. Distillers (Scotch) Shares adjusted themselves to the recent much enhanced value. Guinness Shares were quietly steady and closed unchanged after a dull opening. Marconi Ord. were sold down to 30s. Home Rails varied but little. Great Northern Ord. rose further, but Great Southern Ord. showed no rally from recent severe depression. Trams were featureless. Parent Tyres were firm, and Dunlop Rubbers also closed hard. Strong support was given to Textiles in most cases, but Courtaulds were again freely realised. Bleachers, Calicos and Spinners were good features. J. C. Parkes and Sons Pref. were much stronger and recovered. Contrary to expectations the Parent Tyre arrears of dividend were not received in Dublin yesterday morning, but whether this was due to late posting in London, or the storm, remains to be seen.

Government National Loan fell ⅛ to 92½, but Compensation Stock repeated 90.

British Funds were quiet. Consols repeated 57, War Loan 5 p.c. fell ⅛ to 101⅛, Irish Land 3 p.c. ⅜ to 64 1/16, Guaranteed Land 2¾ p.c. ⅛ to 56⅞, while Conversion 3½ p.c. rose ⅛ to 78¾.

Banks were quiet. Hibernians fell 1/16 to 7 11/16, and Munster and Leinsters 1/16 to 6 11/16, while Bank of Ireland Stock repeated 275.

In Corporation, etc., issues, Belfast Water 3½ p.c. (1926) quoted 95, and the 3 p.c. (1953-8) realised 59¼.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Distillers rose 9s. 3d. to 55s. 3d., 55s. 9d., but Guinness Ord. repeated 49, 7/16, ⅝, and Dublin Distillers Debs. 61¼.

Marconi Ord. fell 9d. further to 30s., and Eastern Telegraph 4 p.c. Debs. quoted 79⅞.

As regards Home Railways Great Northern rose ½ to 56, and the Pref. ½ to 57¼. Great Southern Ord. repeated 35 and the Pref. 51, but the Guaranteed fell 1 to 57, and the Debs. rose ¼ to 69¼. Dublin and South Eastern Pref. repeated 50¼. The 4 p.c. "A" Debs. rose ¼ to 67¾, but the 4 p.c. "B" Debs. fell ¼ to 67¾ also.

In Trams, Dublin United Pref. repeated 8⅞. Parent Tyre Ord. fell 4½d. to 19s. for a broken lot, but Dunlop Rubber rose 1½d. to 10s. 4½d.

As regards Manufacturing Shares, Bleachers rose 2s. to 66s. 3d., Calicos 1s. to 37s. 9d., and Spinners 1½d. to 58s. 3d., while Coats Ord. repeated 63s. 6d. Courtaulds fell 9d. to 68s., 67s. 10½d., and the Pref. repeated 18s. 6d. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. repeated 21s. 3d. Vickers rose 3d. to 11s. 9d. the previous day. Imperial Tobacco repeated 88s.

In Trading, etc., J. C. Parkes and Sons Pref. rose 1s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. for an odd lot, and Shell Transports 3d. to 85s. 9d. *Irish Times* Pref. again realised 67s. 6d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

National Loan (92¼)	92½	G.S. Ord. (35)	*35
Compensation Stock (90)	90	Do. Pref. (51)	51
Consols (57)	57	Do. Guar.	*57 7
5% War Loan (101½)	101⅛	Do. Deb. (69)	69¼
Conver. Loan (78¾)	78¾	D.S.E. Pref. (50¼)	*50¼
War Bonds 1928	105⅛	Do. A Deb. (67¼)	67¾
India 4½%	86¾	Do. B Deb. (68)	67¾
Guar. Land (57)	56⅞	Dublin Tram Pf. (8¾)	8⅞
3% Land (64⅛)	64 1/16	Parent Ord. (19/4½)	*19/-
Belfast Water 1926	95	Dunlops	10/4½
Do. 1953-8	59¼	Bleachers (64/3)	66/3
Bank Ireland (275)	275c	Calicos (36/9)	37/9
Hibernian (7⅛)	7 11/16	Coats (63/6)	63/6 */6
Mun. & Lein. (6¼)	6 11/16	Courtaulds	68/- 7/10½
Distillers Ord. (46/6)	55/3 /9	Do. Pref.	18/6
Dub. Distillers Deb.	*61¼	Spinners (58/1½)	58/3
Guinness (49¼)	49⅝ ⅝	Imp. Tob. (88/-)	88/-
East. Tel. Deb.	79⅞	Lever 7% (21/3)	21/3
Marconi (30/9)	30/-	Vickers (11/6)	11/9
G.N. Ord. (55¼)	56	Parkes Pref. (10/-)	*11/6
Do. Pref. (57)	57¼	*Irish Times* 5½% (67/6)	67/6
		Shells	85/9

* Odd lot. b bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount .... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit .... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
General contango day	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
Ticket day	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Account day	Jan. 8	Jan. 22

BELFAST.

Exchange had a holiday aspect yesterday, and only a small number of transactions were recorded. War Loan dealt in at 101 3/16, and later ⅛ higher; Victory Bonds 93, Funding Loan 89 11/16, Conversion Loan 3½ p.c. 79, Belfast and Co. Down Railway 4 p.c. Debs. 70½, British American Tobacco 110s., Imperial Tobacco 88s., Dunlop Rubber 10s. 6d. and 10s. 4½d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Further gains in Textiles and good support. Bleachers, 66/-66/6; Pref., 22/-22/6; Calicos, 37/6-37/9; Pref., 18/3-18/6; Dyers, 84/-85/-; Pref., 20/-20/6; Cottons, 60/6-61/6; Pref., 19/9-20/-; Spinners, 58/-58/6; Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Rubbers, 8/9-9/-; Coats, 63/-64/-; Ship Canal, 8¼-8½; Pref., 8⅛-8⅜; Velvets, 30/6-31/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors quiet, but firm. Standards and Rovers strengthened. Enfields rising again. Napiers scarce. Austin Prefd. busy, 6/3; Tyres quiet; Austins, 5/9; Debs., 87½; Bluemels, 37/6; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 5/6; Enfields, 28/-; Humbers, 29/-; Napiers, 25/6; Pref., 19/6; Rolls, 27/4½; Rovers, 11/6; Singers, 33/6; Standards, 48/6; Swifts, 8/6; Triumphs, 28/3; Vauxhalls, 5/9; Dunlops, 10/4½; Parent Def., 36/-.

TRAFFICS.

Egyptian Markets—Week to Dec. 18, £2,575; decrease £556. Egyptian Delta Light Railways—Period to Dec. 10 (ten days), £13,730; decrease £482. Barsi Light Railway—Week to Nov. 29, Rs.27,700; decrease Rs.4,200. Singapore Electric Tramways—Week to Dec. 20, $13,907; increase $988. Zafra Huelva Railway—Nov., £12,998; increase £2,413. Assam-Bengal Railway—Week to Nov. 22, Rs.311,000; decrease Rs.5,963. Salvador Railway—Week to Dec. 20, £4,526; increase £775. Alcoy-Gandia Railway—Week to Dec. 20, Ps.28,500; decrease Ps.1,500. San Paulo Railway—Week to Dec. 21, £45,372; increase £8,272. Mersey Railway—Week to Dec. 20, £4,788; increase £312.

New Cape Central Railway, week to November 29, £2,097, decrease £263; Calcutta Tramways, week to December 20, Rs.132,590, decrease Rs.4,921.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

	Last Week. £	Total 51 Weeks. £
Gt. Southern	91,385—3,512	4,230,639+141,900
Gt. Northern	39,500—3,200	1,996,900—139,950
Dublin S.E.	8,737—1,837	491,317— 10,950
Cork & Macroom	604— 108	32,192+ 14,443
Co. Down	4,438	289,099

OIL REPORT.

British Controlled Oilfields—Well No. 38 was brought into production on Saturday afternoon, with an estimated flow of 1,400 barrels per day.

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LONDON STOCKS FIRM.

ARGENTINE RAILWAY ISSUES STRONG.

The London Stock Markets were generally firm yesterday, but activity was for the most part confined to specialities, more particularly certain Argentine Railway issues, Oils, Rubbers, and base metals shares. A firm tone continued in evidence in British Funds, and where alterations took place higher prices were registered. Funding Loan at 89⅝ finished ⅛ to the good, while Victory Bonds, although without material alteration on the day, were a firm market. Conversions were better. The 3½ per cent. marked an improvement of ⅛ to 79, while the 4½ per cent. were firm at 97. Indias were generally quiet, but a better tendency was noticeable. The 3½ per cent. gained ¼ to 66½, while others maintained previous levels. Colonial Government Stocks were firm. British Columbia 4½ per cent. 1941, at 94, showed a gain of a point, while others were unchanged.

Among Scrip issues South Africa 5 per cent. were quoted at 71⅞, while Sudan 4 per cent. closed a fraction under 23. Australia 4½ per cent. were quoted at 32¼, or ⅜ discount. Telegraphs were slightly firmer in tone. Among Marconis, Canada at 5s. 4½d. were 1½d. higher. Radio Corp. Pref. put on 1/16, but the Common showed a loss of ⅜ on the day, the final figure being only 9½. Breweries, with the exception of Distillers, were extremely quiet, and overnight prices were generally repeated. Walker (John) Pref. put on 6d. to 22s. Guinness Ord. and Pref. and Watney Combe Def. were all unchanged. Among Stores, Liptons were again on the down grade, and at the finish they showed a decrease of 3s. 9d. Textiles were firm and higher. Coats, Fine Spinners, and Bleachers were all 1/16 to the good. Courtaulds, on the other hand, after opening firmly, came on offer later, and at the close marked a decrease of 1/16 to 3⅜.

FOREIGN BONDS DULL.

The Foreign Government Stock Market was generally quiet, but with the exception of Mexicans, which were easier, closing prices were better where altered. The reconstruction loans were for the most part easier, German Sevens being 99¼, Austrian Sixes 95¼, Hungarian 7½ per cent. 94¼, and Greek 7 per cent. 6 prem. Peruvians were firm. The Pref. gained a point to 40 x.d., while the Ord. at 5¼ and the Debs. at 101 were both maintained. Portuguese 3 per cent. gained ¼ to 29¼. Among Japanese the only movement marked was that of a rise of ¼ to 92 in the 6 per cent. 1924. Mexican 5 per cent. '99 dropped 5 points to 40, while the 6 per cent. 10-Year Treasury at 45 were also 5 points below the overnight quotation.

BRITISH RAILS QUIET.

Home Rails were extremely quiet, but a firm tone was maintained. Great Westerns and Midlands were both repeated. North-Eastern 5 per cent. Pref. Ord. remained at 83, while the Def. Ord. were steady at 30¼. Metropolitans were 83, while Districts at 56 were also without alteration. Southerns all remained at overnight levels. Underground Ord. slipped back the turn, the final quote being ⅛ down at 3. The Income Bonds at 100 and the 6 per cent. Debs. at 105 were both unaltered.

CORDOBA CENTRALS ACTIVE.

A generally firm tone was noticeable in Colonial and Foreign Rails. Under the lead of Cordoba Centrals prices for the most part sought higher levels. Antofagasta Ord. gained 2 points to 89, while Entre Rios Ord. at 30 were 1½ points better. The 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. were also firmer, and at the finish an increase of a point was marked to 84. Cordoba Central Ord. put on 1½ points to 16½, while the 1st Pref. at 58 and the 2nd Pref. at 31 were 3½ and 2½ points higher respectively. Among Buenos Ayres issues the Westerns at 75 were ½ to the good, while others were without alteration on the day. Grand Trunk Pacific 4 per cent. Debs. shed a point to 67½. "Can Pacs" were unchanged. Mexican National 1st Pref. at 5 and the 2nd Pref. at 2 were both ¼ lower.

OIL MARKET IRREGULAR.

As was the case on the preceding day, interest of an active character centred on a few specialties in the Oil Share market, the liveliness of certain favourites, and more particularly the British Controlled issues, making up for the comparative quietness of others. On balance price, movements made an irregular showing. The upward movement of the British Controlled issues was continued, the quotations of both the Common and Pref. Shares responding to active bidding. A slight set-back occurred at one period of the day, but this was followed by renewed buying when it became known that the company had brought in a further well—No. 38—in the El Mene field, with an initial production of 1,400 barrels per day. Both the Common and Pref. Shares registered further appreciable gains, and left off with a decidedly strong appearance. As regards other Venezuelans, V.O.C. Holdings left off easier, business in the shares having been of a quiet character. Firmness was displayed by the recognised leaders. A steady business was transacted in Shells, which, although closing below the best, nevertheless, registered an improvement on the day. Royal Dutch also met with a fair amount of attention, and left off firm at an advance. Transactions in Anglo-Persian Ord. failed to influence the quotation, but the two Pref. issues were again being picked up quietly and further strengthened. Burmahs remained quietly steady. Anglo-Americans lacked support and the price weakened. Mexican Eagles fluctuated within narrow limits and showed little change on the day.

RUBBER SHARES FIRM.

A firm tone was manifest in the Rubber share market yesterday. Business was again on a good scale and prices, where altered, were, with a few exceptions, marked higher. Batu Tiga were an exceptionally firm spot, the final quotation was 4s. 4½d. better than the overnight level. Langkat Sumatra put on 3s. 3d. to 31s. 3d., while Malacca Ord. at 39s. 4½d. were 3s. higher. P.P.K. Celyon at 21s. 6d. showed an improvement of 1s. 2¼d., while Membakut at 17s. 6d. were 1s. to the good. Tebrau finished 1s. 3d. higher than the previous quotation at 40s., while Tamiang put on 11½d. to 31s. 3d. The price of rubber rose to 19⅝d. per lb.

TEA SHARES IRREGULAR.

Dealings in the Tea share market yesterday were of a somewhat irregular character, while the actual amount of business put through was on a slightly smaller scale than on the previous day. A long list of aterations were recorded. A number of issues finished the day at lower levels, but the majority of price changes were in favour of holders. The irregularity was most marked in the leaders. On the other hand, speculative issues were generally good in tone. Consolidated Tea and Lands were a dull spot. A fair business was put through, but a downward tendency was evident and at the finish a decrease of 2 points was marked, the final price being only 81⅞ x.d. Amalgamated Estates were also easier, and they closed 1 1/16 lower at 49 1/16. Assam Dooars and Assam Frontier were both lower, the former losing ⅜ to 59¼, while the latter at 8 1/16 were 1/16 down. East Indian and Ceylon were only 72s. 6d., while Eastern Assam at 82s. x. d., and Eastern Produce at 89s. 3d., were 1s. 3d. and 9d. lower respectively. Jhanzie and Longai Valley also slipped back the turn. Singlo were a firm market, and at the finish they showed an increase of 1s. to 90s. 3d. x.d. Darjeeling gained 1s. to 45s., while the Consols at 75s. were 1s. 9d. better. British Assam put on 2s., while Cachar and Dooars were in request, the final price of 6 being 1/16 to the good. Dooars, Doom Dooma, and Empire were all firm and slightly higher, while Lungla at 50s. 7½d. x.d. were 4½d. up.

INDUSTRIALS STEADY.

Firmness again characterised the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday though the holiday spirit was more in evidence, and had a restrictive influence on business, especially in the afternoon. Textiles showed up well, but it was difficult to obtain stock in this market, consequently prices responded to a very small demand. Renewed strength was displayed by Fine Cotton Spinners, which put on 6d. to 58s. 6d., and gains of 3d. occurred in Bleachers to 66s. 3d. x.d.; in Bradford Dyers to 84s. 3d.; in Dyestuffs Prefs. to 12s. 9d.; in Calico Printers to 38s.; in Coats to 63s. 9d. ex bonus, and in Listers to 33s. 6d. Amalgamated Cottons gained the turn at 11s. 3d. Exceptionally Courtaulds further dropped to 67s. 6d., or 6d. lower on balance. Banking and Insurance issues were well maintained. In response to a fresh demand Schweppes Defd. further advanced to 31s. 9d., or 9d. higher on balance. Among Foodstuffs, however, Bovril Defd. weakened to 47s., and Van Den Berghs lost 1/16 at 1 1/16. Liptons gave way sharply to 23s., or 4s. lower on the day on the passing of the interim dividend, business taking place at down to 22s. 6d. Otherwise Caterers held their ground.

Breweries mostly remained firm. Ashbys put on ⅛ to 14⅛, Courage 6d. to 43s., and Threlfalls 1/16 to 2 1/16, though Bass Ratcliffs lost 1/16 at 2⅜. Among Whisky shares, Distillers found support, which raised the price 1s. to 55s., but J. Walkers suffered from profit-taking, losing 6d. at 69s. In the Tobacco group United South issues continued in request, the Ordinary rising 6d. to 86s. 3d., and the Def. 3d. to 85s. 6d. R. and J. Hills stiffened to 32s. 6d., and Carreras put on ⅛ to 12⅛. B.A.T.'s and Imperials kept firm at previous levels. The Godfrey Phillips dividend was not announced until after hours. Iron, Coal and Steels held their ground. In the Wireless group Marconis recovered to 1 11/32, and Marines to 1 1/16. Motors showed to advantage where changed. Spencer Melksham shares dropped 9d. to 13s. 9d., while the Def. also lost that much at 1s. 3d. Elsewhere in the Miscellaneous Trading list, Cements eased to 15s. 9d., and British Ropes to 22s. 9d. J. Finlays changed hands at down to 78s. 6d. Swedish Matches issues closed down on balance owing to realisations, the "A" shares at 10 1/16 and the "B's" at 9 11/16. News shares kept firm at previous levels.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57-58*	4½% Conv. Ln.	96⅞-97⅛
War Ln. 3½%	96½-97¼	5% Treas. Bds	103⅛-103⅝
do. 4½%	97-97½	Irish Lnd. 2¾%	58-60*
do. 5%	101⅛-101⅜ + ⅛	India 3%	56½-57½*
do. 4% (Tax Free)	101-101½	do. 3½%	66-67 + ⅛
Fund'g Ln.	89½-90½ + ⅛	do. 5½%	100⅝-101⅛
Victory Bds	93⅜-93⅞	do. 7%	105 107
3½% Conv. Ln.	78⅞-79⅛ + ¼	Local Lns.	66 66½*
		Sudan 5½%	106-108

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer	7⅞-8	Hong Kong	139-141
Australasia	13⅛-14⅛	Lloyds	61 0-62/0
Bank N.S.W.	39½-40½*	Midland	8⅞-9
Do. N.Z.	3-3⅛*	Nat. Dis.	9⅛-9½
Barclays A	8⅛ 8⅜	Nat Prov (£4)	11⅛-11⅝
Brit. F. Trade	⅝-¾	Royal of Can	48-51
Do. Overseas	5-5½*	Stand. S.A.	11¾-12
Can. of Com.	41 42 — ½	Un. Australia	14½-14¾
Char. of India	20½-21	Westminster	17⅝-18⅛

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	93-95	Q'sland 4% 1940-50	86-88
Aust. Com. 5½%	100-102	do. 4½ 1920-5	99-101
do. 6%	105 107	do. 6% 1930-40	105-107
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	93-95+1	S. Africa 4% Cns	90-92
Canada 4%	91-93	do. 6%	104-106
do. 4½ 1920-5	99½-100½	S. A'stral'n 4% '40-60	85 87
Cape 3½ Cons	80-82*	do. 5½%	100-102
Ceylon 6%	107-109*	do. 6½%	107-109
Natal 3½ '34	82-84	do. 5% 1932-42	100-102
N.S.W. 4½ '22-7	97-99*	Victoria 4 '40-60	88-90
do. 5½ 1922-7	99-101	do. 6% 1923-5	100-2
do. 5% 1922-32	100-102	W. Aus. 4½% '42-62	85-87*
do. 6½% 1930-40	107-109	do. 5% 1930-40	101-103
N. Zeal'd 4% '29	95-97	do. 5% 1935-65	100-102
Nigeria 6%	113-115*	do. 6% 1930-40	102-4*

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Dec. 16.				
101⅛	Argentine, 1886	101	103	
77⅛	Do. 4 p.c. Rescessions	77	79	
92	Do. 5 p.c., 1909	91	93	
42½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	43	45	
84½	Do. Funding, 1898	83	85	
72½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	72	74	
93¼	Chinese 5 p.c. 1896	92	94	
80¼	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	79	81	
66	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	66	68	
99½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	98	100	
76½	Egyptian Unified	76	77	
20½	French Loan	20	21	
16	Do. 4 p.c.	15½	16½*	
2/0	German 3 p.c.	1½	1⅞	
19½	Italian Rentes	18⅞	20⅛	
89	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	89	93	
79½	Do. New 6 p.c., 1907	78	80	
92	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	91½	92½	+ ⅛
44	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	35	45	—5
54	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	40	50	—5
4½	Peruvian Corporation	5¼	5¾	
39¼	Do. Pref.	39½	40¼*	+1
99⅛	Do. Deb.	100	102	
28¼	Portuguese 3 p.c.	28½	30½	+ ⅛
107½	San Paulo 8 p.c.	106	108	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	63	67	
61	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	60½	61½	

BRITISH RAILS.

108	Great Western	108	109	
100	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	100½	101½	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	81	83	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	96	98*	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	80	82	
83	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	82½	83½	
30½	Do. Def. Ord.	30¼	30¾	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	81	83	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	80	82	
80½	Metropolitan	82½	83½	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	99	102	
54½	Do. District	55½	56½	
84½	Southern Pref. Ord.	84	85	
43¼	Do. Def. Ord.	43½	44½	
41	Do. "A"	41	42	
10	Do. "B"	9½	10½	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	101	103	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. '24	98	101	
2⅛	Underground Electric	2⅞	3⅛	— ⅛
99¾	Do. Income Bonds	99	101	
105	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87⅛	Antofagasta	88	90	+2
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	78	80	
—	Bahia Blanca	82	84	
—	Brazil Railway Common	⅛	⅞	
86½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	85	87	
79½	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	77½	79½	
76½	Buenos Ayres and W.	74	76	+ ½
161½	Canadian Pacific	160	162*	
72⅛	Central Argentine	71	73	
19½	Central Uruguay	18½	19½	
13¾	Cordoba Central	16	17	+1½
47	Do. 1st Pref.	57	59	+3½
24½	Do. 2nd Pref.	30	32	+2½
—	Entre Rios	29	31	+1½
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	83	85	+1
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	81	83*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	81	83*	
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	65	69	—1
28½	Leopoldina	28	30	
8½	Mexican Rails	6½	7½	
29	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26	28	
15	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	13	15	
2½	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.	4½	5½	— ¼
1¾	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1½	2½	— ¼
159	San Paulo Ord.	158	162	
84½	United Havana	84½	85½	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	124	128	—1
—	Baltimore	84	86	—1
—	Chesapeake	98	100*	—1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	17	18	
34	Erie	33	34	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	47	49	
—	New York, Ontario	26	28	
82½	Southern Common	82	84	
—	Do. Pref.	87	89	
—	Southern Pacific	108	110	
157½	Union Pacific	158	160	—1

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def.	24½	24¾	
1⅜	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1⅜	1⅝	
1⅝	Do. Pref.	1½	1⅝	
—	Do. Debs.	101½	103½	
1⅝	Do. Marine	1½	1⅝	
5 9	Do. Canada	5/3	5 6	+0/1½
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅛	1⅜	
9¼	Radio Corporation	9⅛	9⅝	— ⅜
10⅛	Do. Pref. (£50)	10	10½	+ 1/16

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

15/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅝	⅞	
85½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	87	90	
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92*	
46/6	Do. Ord.	2¼	2⅜	
495	Guinness	490	500	
—	Do. Pref.	115	120*	
20/3	Peter Walker Ord.	20/0	21/0	
39 6	South African Breweries	1⅜	1⅝	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	21/6	22/6	+0/6
211	Watney Combe Def.	215	220	

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

26/9	Aerated Bread	1⅜	1⅜*	
48/9	Bovril Def.	2⅛	2⅜	
29 6	Lipton	1⅛	1¼	
4⅛	Lyons (J.)	4⅜	4⅝	— ⅛
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	27/10½	28/1½	+ 1/16
5/3	Maypole Def.	5 0	5/6	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	⅝	⅞	
1⅜	Spratt's Patent	1⅞	2	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	1	1⅛	
24/4½	Van Den Berghs	1 1/16	1⅛	
—	Do. Pref.	4⅜	3⅝*	

IRON AND STEEL.

14/6	Armstrong (W. G.)	14/6	15/6
11/9	Cammell Laird	11 3	12/3
12 6	Dorman Long	13 0	14/0
—	Furness Withy	33 9	34/3
16/0	John Brown	15 6	16/6
11/0	Do. (15/- paid)	10/6	11 6
20/6	Pease and Partners	20/0	21/3
51/3	South Durham Steel	2⅜	2⅝*
23 3	Siemens	1⅛	1⅜
7 0	United Steel	7/6	8 6
11 6	Vickers Ord.	11/0	12/0
—	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅜*

LAND.

—	Aboukir Land	18/0	19/0
10/0	Argentine Northern Land	⅞	1⅛
26/0	Do. Southern Land	1⅛	1⅝*
11/0	B.N.B. Land	½	⅝
22/6	Forestal Land	⅞	1⅛
5⅝	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5 9/16	5⅝* + 1/16
15/6	Niger Pref.	⅝	⅞
11/9	Pekin Syndicate	½	⅝
27/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1⅝

NEWSPAPERS.

6⅞	Assd. Newspapers Def.	6⅛	6⅜	
—	Daily Mail Deb.	108	108½	
6⅝	Daily Mirror Ord.	6⅛	6⅜	+ ⅛
4⅜	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	85/3	86/3	—0/4½

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

35/0	African and East. Trade	34/0	36/0	
3⅛	Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.	3⅛	3⅜*	
16/6	Associated Cement	15/3	16 3	
16/0	Do. Pref.	15/6	16/6	
43/0	Borax Con. Def.	2⅛	2⅜*	
56½	Brazilian Traction	55½	56½	— ½
28/0	British Portland Cement	26/6	28/6	+0.6
—	British Glass	1/6	1/9	
13/9	B.S.A.	13/0	14/0	
22/0	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1¼	+ 1/32
39½	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	88	91	
109/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	109/0	111/0	
30 3	Brunner Mond	38/6	39/6	
32 0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅜	
—	De la Rue Deb.	31¼	31¾	
9/9	Dunlop Rubber	10/0	11/0	
109	Do. Deb.	104	108*	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	103	106*	
—	English Electric	18/3	19 9	
—	Finlay (James)	3½	4⅛	— ⅛
20/6	General Electric Ord.	20 9	22/3	
—	Do. Debs.	104	107	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅞	1⅞*	
85/0	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	87/6	89/0	
21/7½	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/0	22/0*	
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	107	109	
—	Lever 8 p.c. Debs.	99	101	
22	Mexican Trams	15	21	
—	Do. Bonds	70	74	
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds	64	68	
24/6	Nobel Ord.	24/3	25/3	
21/0	Do. Pref.	20/6	21/6	
—	Do. Def.	9/0	10/0	
41/4½	Parent Tyre Def.	1⅝	1¾*	
23/0	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1¼*	
34/3	Platt Bros. Ord.	1⅝	1⅞	
28/6	Rolls Royce	1⅛	1⅜	
25/9	Salt Union	1¼	1⅜	
93	San Paulo Tram Deb.	94	98*	
—	Shawinigan Water Debs.	108	113	
—	Tilling Ord.	2⅛	2⅜	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4⅜	4⅞*	
—	United Alkali	1⅞	2	
23 0	Wallpaper Def.	22/6	23/6	

NITRATES.

23¾	Alianza	23	24
78/0	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	78 0	80/0
8⅝	Lautaro Nitrate	8¼	9
1⅞	Lagunas Nitrate	34/0	36/0
76/0	Liverpool Nitrate	74/0	76/0*
73/0	London Nitrate	73/0	75/0
30/6	Rosario Nitrate	35/0	38/0
39/0	Santa Rita Nitrate	28 0	40 0
3½	Santiago Nitrate	3	3¼
16/6	Tarapaca Nitrate	16/0	17/0

SHIPPING.

14/0	Cargo Fleet	13/6	14/6
—	Court Line	33/0	33 6
—	Cunard Ord.	19/0	20/0
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19 0	20 0*
—	P. and O. Def.	295	305*
—	Royal Mail Ord.	95	100

TEXTILES AND STORES.

11/1½	Amalgamated Cotton	10/9	11/9	+0/3
64/0	Bleachers	3¼	3⅜*	+ 1/16
83/0	Bradford Dyers	4¼	4⅜	
36 6	British Celanese Ord.	8 0	8 3	+0/0¾
62 6	Calico Printers	1⅞	1⅞	
66 0	Coats	3⅛	3⅜	+ 1/16
69 6	Courtaulds	3⅛	3⅛	— 1/16
—	English Sewing Cotton	3⅛	3⅛	
83 9	Fine Spinners	2⅞	2⅞	+ 1/16
42 6	Harrods	2⅛	2¼	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	2⅛	2¼	
31/3	Lister Ord.	1⅝	1¾	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1¼	

OILS.

M.U. Dec. 16.				
⅛	Agwi Petroleum	⅛	¼	
3⅛	Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅛	— 1/16
2¾	Anglo-Ecuadorian	2⅛	2½	— ⅛
1⅜	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1⅜	
24 6	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	24/7½	25/1½	+0/1½
23 6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	25/7½	26/1½	+0/3
3⅛	Do. Ord., issued 35 p.c.	3⅝	3⅞	
94¼	Do. 8 p.c. Deb.	102	104	
2⅛	Apex Trinidad	2⅛	2⅜	+ 1/16
2⅛	Attock	2⅛	2⅜	+ 1/16
15 0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)			
8 0	British Burmah (8/-)	6/0	7/0	
13 9	British Controlled	16/0	16/3	+0/7½
14 4½	Do. Pref.	17/0	17/3	+0/7½
5⅛	Burmah	5⅝	5¾	
26/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26/3	26/9	
2/3	Caltex	2/7½	2/10½	
8 6	Dacia Romano	8/6	9/6	
4½	Eagle Transport	4⅝	5⅛	
102	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	101	103	
103⅛	Do. Bearer	102	104	
0 6	General Pet. Trinidad A.	0 6	1/0	
14/6	Kern River (10/-)	14/1½	14/7½	+0/3
9⅜	Lobitos	9⅛	9⅝	— 1/16
18/6	Mexican Eagle	15 4½	15/10½	—0/4½
10/4½	Do. Pref.	13/6	14/6	— 0/3
14/6	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	13/3	13/9	
⅜	North Caucasian (10/-)		⅜	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	0/9	1/9	—0/3
19/0	Phoenix	19/6	20/0	+ 0/6
—	Rumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3	
31	Royal Dutch	31⅛	31⅜	+ ⅛
4⅜	Shell Transport	4⅜	4⅝	+ 1/16
9⅛	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅛	9⅜	
25/1½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	24/10½	25/4½	
2 4½	Spies (10/-)	2/1½	2/7½	
9 7½	Steaua Romana	9/9	10/3	
6/3	Tankers Pref.	6/0	6/6	
⅜	Trinidad Central	⅛	¼	
1⅜	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	1⅜	
7 4½	United Brit. Trinidad	7/0	7/6	
⅜	Ural Caspian	⅝	⅞	
2/3	Uroz Oil	1/0	1/6	— 0/1½
2⅛	V.O.C. Holdings	2⅛	2⅜	— 1/16
2⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2⅛	2⅜	— 1/16

RUBBERS.

44/0	Anglo-Dutch	45/7½
2/10½	Anglo-Java	3 0
1⅛	Anglo-Malay	26/7½ +0/4½
4/6	Bertam Cons.	4 6
3/0	Bukit Mertajam	3 2
2/0	Bukit Sembawang	2/1
16/3	Damansara	16/10½
22/0	Grand Central	22 6
1⅞	Highlands	39/0
2/9	Kamuning	2 8
4/3	Kepong	4 3¾ +0/3¾
1⅜	Kuala Lumpur	35/3
1⅝	Labu	31 0
1⅛	Linggi	39/3
3/10½	London Asiatic	[illegible]
1⅜	Malacca	39/4½ +3/0
38/6	Malayalam	39 3
3/6½	Merlimau	3 3
1⅜	Moopley Valley	3 7
2 7½	Port Dickson	24 6 +0/1½
32 0	Rubber Trust	2 7
14 3	Seafield	33/4½
1⅛	Senadyan	15/0 +0/3
1⅜	Sialang	31 10½
20/0	Straits Rubber	35 9 —0 6
1⅞	Tali Ayer	21/0 +0/6
1⅛	Tandjong	21/6
3/10½	Un. Serdang	36/3
3⅛	United Sua Betong	3 11
69 9	Vallambrosa	69 3*

Ampat	4/4½+0/1	Membakut	17/6
Anglo-Sum.	60/0 +0/6	N. Hummock	20 9 +1/0
Bah Lias	35/0	P.P.K. (Cy'l'n)	21 6 +0/6
Batu Tiga	38/1½+4/4½	Pataling	21/0 +1/2¾
B.N.B.R. Trst	12/7½—0/4½	Pegoh	38/0
Brieh	2 0	Plimoor	19/0
Bukit Cloh	4 0¾	Rim Malacca	3/9
Bukit Rajah	22 6	Rub. E. Johore	21/0
Castlefield	4 9	Sapong	42 3
Cheviot	3 1½	Sapumalk'de	21/3
Cicely	5/2 +0/2	Selangor	5/6 +0/6
Eastern Trust	16 7½	Serdang Cent'l	20/6 +0/7½
Gen. Ceylon	44 9 +0/4½	Soember Ajoe	2 0½ +0/2
Glenbervie	27/0 +0/6	Sumatra Con.	23 9
Glenshiel	14/9	Sungei Bahru	35 6 +0/6
Golden Hope	23 7½	Sungei Chob.	20/3 —0/3
Java Amal.	28/9 +0/3	Sungei Kapar	33 6
Kapur Para.	38/9	Sungei Kr. Pt.	30 3
Kasintoe	21/10½ +0/7½	Taiping	1/9½ —0/0½
Kepitigalla	1/5½ +0/1½	Tamiang	31/3 +0/1½
Kombok	2/10½	Tebrau	40 0 +1/3
Langkat Sum	31/3 +3/3	Telogoredjo	46 0
Ledbury	32/3	Tempeh	1/11½ +0/2½
Malacca deb.	97½	Un. Temiang	3/1
Manch'ter N.B.	23/0	Yam Seng	2 5 +0/1½

* Ex div. † Ex rights. † Cum div. ‡ bonus.

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	49 1/16 — 1 1/16	Doom Dooma	5/6* + 1/32
Anglo-Ceylon	54/6 —0/6	E.I. & Ceylon	72/6* —1/0
Assam Co.	50/0 —0/4½	E. Assam	82/6* —1/3
Assam Cons.	21/1½ —0/1½	East Produce	88/3 — 0/9
Assam Front'r	8 1/16 — 1/16	Empire	95/7½* + 0/3
Assam Dooars	59¼ — ⅜	Galaha Ceylon	44/1½ +0/4½
Aso. T.E. Cy'ln	4 1/16	Imperial	60/9*
Attaree Khat.	48/9	Imperial Ceylon	53/10½ + 0/1½
Balijan	55/10½ + 0/1½	Jetinga Valley	64/6
Bargang	65/0 +1/3	Jhanzie	98/1½* —0/7½
Borelli	5 1/16 + 1/16	Jokai	100/9 +0/3
Borhelia	5⅛ + ⅛	Jorehaut	103/0
Bowlana	29/10½	Longai Valley	51/0 — 0/6¼
Brahmapootra	35	Lungla	50/7½* + 0/4½
British Assam	124/0 + 2 0	Lunuva	45/0
Brit. Indian	98/3* —0/4	Lunuva new	4 0pm
Budla Beta	6 + 1/16	Majuli	94/0
Cachar & Do'ars	6 + 1/16	Moabund	85/10½ +0/9
Ceylon Plant.	5¼ + ⅛	Nedeem	86/6 +0/4½
Ceylon Prop.	55/6	New Sylhet	5½
Chargola	36/7½ + 0 3	Pandan	21/9 +0/4½
Chubwa	7 1/16	Peacock & Nil.	4/4½ +0/1½
Chulsa	67/6	Poonmudi	4 3
Con. Tea & L.	81⅞* — 2/0	Roseaugh Cey	34/10½ +0/3
Darjeeling	45/0 + 1/0	Seph'juri Bheel	16/7½
Ditto Cons.	75/0 + 1/9	Singlo	90/3* + 1/0
Dejoo	47/7½	Tea Corpn.	37/0 + 0/6
Deundi	28/10½ +0/1½	Travancore	5⅞
Dimbula Valley	61/1½	U. Planters, C.	75/3
Dooars	92 2½ +0/1½	U. Assam	72/9 +0/1½
Doolegram	69/7½ +0/7½		

*Ex dividend.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Alliance Assurance, 14⅛; do. New Shares, 15 11/16, ¾; £15 15/3; Atlas Assurance, 18 1/16; Commercial Union, 22¼, 3, 2¼, 2¾; Consolidated, 40/6, 1/-, 45/-; Eagle Star, 8⅜, 11/32; Employers' Liability, 90/-, 88/9, 9/6; General Accident, 9¼, ¼, 7/32; Guardian Assurance, 7 11/16, 8; London and Lancashire, 20¼, 1/16; London Associated Re-insurance, 7/8¼; London Assurance, 12; Motor Union Insurance, 8¼; North British, 20⅜, ¼; Phoenix Assurance, 13¾, 11/16, ¾; do. Pelican Shares, 13 1/16; £13 5/9, 13 11/16, ¾; Prudential Assurance "A" Shares, 20¼, ¼; do. "B" Shares, 36/9, 10¼d.; Royal Exchange, 680; Royal Insurance, 31¼; Scottish Union, 10 1/16, ⅛; Sea Insurance, 72/6, 4/6; United British, 37/5¼, 3¼d.; Victory Insurance, 5/-, 4/6; Western Alliance Re-insurance, 12/10¼, 6d., 13/-, 12/9; World Auxiliary Insurance, 24/6, 3/-; Yorkshire Insurance, 11 1/16; British Legal Life, 24/-, 3/9.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance, 14 11/16, 17/; do. New, 15 11/16, ⅛; Commercial Union, 22 11/16; Employers' Liability, 90/-, 3d.; General Accident, 9; London and Lancashire, 20¼; Northern, 17¼; Phœnix, 13¾, 11/16; do. Pelican, 13¾.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

IRISH CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY INSURANCE CO.—The directors have declared the usual dividend on the capital of the company at the rate of 5 per cent., free of income tax, for the year 1924 (this being the maximum dividend allowed by the Articles of Association.

ADELAIDE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., LTD.—Final dividend for the half-year ended 31st August, 1924, on the 8 per cent. Pref. Ord. Shares, and final dividend of 6 per cent. on 500,000 Ord. Shares of £1, making 12 per cent., for the year ended 31st August, 1924.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.—Dividend, subject to English income tax, of 7/10 per cent. on the capital represented by the Deferred Annuity and Deferred Annuity Class D of the company, making 11/8 in all, which is in addition to the Guaranteed interest.

HUGGINS AND CO., LTD.—Final dividend on the Ord. Shares of 1/6 per share, less tax, and payment of a bonus of 3/- per share, less tax, on the Ord. Shares. The directors recommend the capitalisation of £108,750 of the reserve and the issue in respect of the sum so capitalised bonus shares of £1 each in the proportion of one bonus share for every two Ord. Share held, fractions of a share to be payable in cash at par.

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE.—Net earnings for year to 30th September, 1924, totalled $3,336,754, against $2,669,276 for 1922-23.

NEW ZEALAND AND RIVER PLATE LAND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.—Dividend of 3½ per cent., less tax.

REDPATH, BROWN AND CO., ENGINEERS.—The report shows a loss for the sixteen months ending October last of £35,767. The balance carried forward from last year was £84,771. There is an available balance, after providing for taxation and contingencies of £31,782. After payment of dividend of 6 per cent. on Preference shares a balance of £20,501 is carried forward.

SPANISH RIVER PULP AND PAPER MILLS.—Usual quarterly dividends of 1¾ per cent. on the Common and Preferred Stocks.

TRANSVAAL PROFITS.

Working profits of the Transvaal Gold Mines for November amounted to £1,132,716, compared with £1,248,844 for October. The former total is the smallest since these returns were first issued in April last, the highest figure being £1,296,472, which was reached in May last. The following table shows the results for the past eight months:—November, £1,132,716; July, £1,268,485; October, £1,248,844; June, £1,225,397; September, £1,234,970; May, £1,296,472; August, £1,199,164; April, £1,174,124. Last month's reduction in profits reflects the fall in the gold premium, but the lower price of the yellow metal had been foreseen, and the mining companies have been able to effect economies in working costs.

PROSPEROUS ITALY.—The Italian Finance Minister announced to the Chamber that this year's Budget would end with a small surplus, while next year's Budget would end with a surplus of £1,500,000. Italy, he added, was now exporting more than before the war.

LONDON MINING MARKET FIRM.

RECORD PRICE FOR TIN.

With the holiday season near at hand, it was not surprising to find more merrymaking than business in progress in the "House" yesterday. Even so, a considerable flow of orders was reported from various departments and, although the attendance of members was thin, investment buying on the part of the public kept brokers busy, at any rate during the morning. Little excitement was witnessed in the Mining market, but the tone generally remained firm, and here and there specialties enjoyed a fair amount of activity. Kaffir movements were again few and of little importance. Central Mining were a harder market, and Rand Mines, "Johnnies," Van Ryn, and one or two others were appreciably higher. Randfontein came into good request. Langlaagte Estate and East Rands were better, but Union Corporation were the turn easier, and Robinson Deep "B" eased the turn. In the Rhodesian department, Chartered came in for a little more attention and registered an advance, but the features in this section were provided by Tanks and Zams, both of which were actively bid for and went ahead sharply. Selukwe were also a strong spot. The Diamond market was featureless, and De Beers were hardly mentioned all day, while Jagersfontein and Consolidated Diamonds receded. The price of tin rose £2 to £267 12s. 6d. per ton, a record figure for recent times, and the share market was, no doubt, the most active centre of the whole Mining market. The demand was not confined to the Eastern descriptions, but spread to Nigerians, while even the Cornish issues were not left entirely in the cold. Siamese and Tronoh led the way, and their example was followed by Gopeng, Kramat Pulai, Southern Perak, and Tavoy, all of which enjoyed good support. Tingha were also actively dealt in, and closed firm at 5s. premium. Naraguta were prominent, and both the Kandunas went ahead, while Geevor were again in active request. West Africans kept steady, and in the Australian section there was some quiet nibbling at one or two Barrier descriptions, among which Norths again figure, while Sulphides were wanted. Among Coppers, Rio Tinto again commanded attention on both home and Paris account, and left off higher. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
1¼	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1¼
15/0	Anglo-French	14/9-15/3
3⅜	Brakpan	3⅝-3⅞
12¼	Cent. Min'g (£8)	12⅛-12⅞ + 1/16
13/6	Central W'st (5/-)	13 6-14 0
3⅝	City Deep	3⅝-3⅞
20/0	Con. Goldfields	[illegible]
15/3	Cons. Main Reef	14/6-15/0
15 3	Cons. Selbo. 10/	15/0-15 6
2⅝	Crown Mines (10/)	2¼-2⅞
23 9	Durban Deep	23/3 23 9+0/3
12 3	E. Rand Prop.	11/10½-12/1½+1½
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3¼
14/0	Gen. Mining	14/0 14/6
10/0	G. M. Investment	10/0-10/6—0/3
7⅝	Government Mines	7⅛ 7⅜
12/0	H. E. Prop.	12/6 13 0
36/3	Johan'burg I'vst.	36/9-37/3+0/3
5/0	Kleinfontein	4/6 5/0
17 6	Knight's	16 3-16 9
22 0	Langlaagte Estate	21/3-21 9+0/3
3⅜	Meyer & Charlton	3⅝-4⅛
4⅜	M'derfontein (10/)	3¾ 4¼
23/1½	Modder B (5/)	1⅜ 1⅝
2⅝	Modder Deep (5/)	2⅛-2⅜
1⅜	Modder East	1⅛-1⅜
1⅞	New State Areas	1⅛-1⅜
8/0	Nigel	⅜
8/0	Nourse Mines	8 3 9 0—0/3
2⅛	Rand Mines (5/)	2⅛-2⅜ + 1/16
20/3	Randfontein	20/0-20 6+0/6
1⅞	Rob'son D A (1/)	1⅛-1⅛
38/9	Robinson Dp. B	38/9-39/3—0/3
13/3	Rose Deep	13/0-13/6—0/3
11/3	Sable (5/-)	10/3-10/6—/3¾
⅜	S.A. Gold Trust	⅜-½
2⅛	Springs Mines	2⅛-2⅜
12/0	Sub Nigel	11/9-12/3
3	Trans. and Del. B.	3-3¼
27/0	Trans. Con. L (10/)	27/0-28/0
44/6	Union Corp (12/6)	44/6-45/0—0/3
26/0	Van Ryn	26/9-27/3+0/6
4	Van Ryn Deep	4-4⅛
23/6	Vereeniging	22/6-23/0
11/9	Village Deep	10/6-11/0—0/3
23/9	West Springs	25/3-25/9
5/0	Do. Options	5/0-5/6
⅝	Wit'ersrand Deep	17/0-18/0

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
6/3	Bechuanaland Ex.	6/0-6 6
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2⅜
16/7½	Chart'd B.S.A.	16/6-16/9+/1½
2/9	Falcon	2/3-2/9—0/3
22/0	Gaika Gold	21/9-22 3
13/3	Globe & Phoenix (5/)	12/9-13/3
6/6	Gold F. Rho. (10/)	6/1½-6/7½
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1-1⅛
2	Rezende	1⅞-2⅛
4/1½	R. Broken Hill (5/)	4/0-4/3
13/1½	Selukwe (2/6)	15/9-16/0+0/6
1⅜	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1½
3⅝	Sherwood Starr	3⅜-4
3⅛	Tanganyika	33/3 34/0+1/0
41/0	Vic. Falls Ord.	2⅛-2⅜
31/9	do. Pref.	31/6-32/6
18/0	Wankie Col. 10/	18/6-19 6
5/0	Willoughby	5 0-5 6
20/3	Zambesia Expl.	22/9-23/3+0/9

DIAMOND.

⅝	Angola Diamond	⅝-⅞
17/0	Con. D. S. W. A.	16/6-17/0—0/3
12⅛	De Beers Def.	12⅛-12⅜
11¾	do. Pref.	11¾-11⅞
3⅛	Jagersfontein	2⅞-3⅛ — ⅛
7/0	N. Val. River	⅜-⅝
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	6⅞-7⅛
⅛	West African	13/6-14/0

AUSTRALIAN.

20/6	Amal. Zinc	1-1⅛
13/0	Associated	12/6-13/0
26/6	Broken Hill Prop	25/6-26/6
3	B. Hill Sth. (New)	2⅞-3⅛ + ⅛
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref	1⅛-1⅜
19 6	Lake View (10/-)	19 0-20/0
5¼	North Broken Hill	5⅛-5⅜ + ⅛
13/0	Sulphide Ord.	12/6-13/6+0/3
13/6	South Kalgurli	13/0-14/0
32 6	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	31/0-32/0
3⅝	do. Pref.	3⅜-3⅝

RUSSIAN.

7/0	Lena Gold	6/6-7/6
5/0	RussoAsiat. Cns.	5/9 6/0
4/0	Russian Mining	3/6-4/6
⅜	Siberian Props.	5/0-6/0
⅝	Spassky	⅝-⅞

WEST AFRICAN.

11/6	Ashanti Gold (4/)	11/3-11/9
9/4½	Fanti Cons. (8/)	9/0-9/6
15/7½	Gold Coast Amal.	15/3-15/9—0/3
4/0	Taquah & Abosso.	3/9-4/3

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 15.		
15/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	15/9-16/3+0/3
3⅝	Aramayo Mines	3⅛-3⅝
4/3	Bauchi Ord. (10/)	4/3-4/9
8/9	do. Pref (10/)	8/9-9/3+0/3
9 9	Bisichi	10/4½-10/10½+/4½
2⅛	Gopeng	2⅛-2⅜ + 1/16
33/3	Ipoh	36/0-36/6+0/3
18/0	Kaduna Synd (5/)	18/9-19/9+0/3
2⅝	Kamunting	2⅝-2⅞
1	Kramat Pulai	2⅛-2⅜ + 1/16
3⅛	Malayan T.D.	3⅛-3⅜
15/4½	Mongu	15/9-16/3+0/3
22 0	Naraguta	22/6-23/6+1/0
10/6	Pahang (5/-)	10/0-10/6
1⅛	Rambutan	1⅛-1⅛
1⅜	Renong	1⅞-2
14/0	Ropp (4/ Shs)	14/0-14/6+0/3
4⅛	Siamese	4⅛-4⅜ + 1/16
8/0	South Bukeru	9/0-10/0
32/3	Tavoy	32/6-33/6+0/6
2⅝	Tronoh	3⅛-3⅜ + 1/16

COPPER.

⅝	Arizona (5/-)	⅝-⅞*
⅝	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅝-⅞
9/0	Mount Morgan	9/0-10/0
24/6	Mount Lyell	23/9-24/9+0/3
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅜
39⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	39⅛-39⅞ + ⅛
11/3	S. American (2/)	10/6-11/0

MISCELLANEOUS.

⅛	Bingo Pref.	⅛-⅝
14/0	Brit. Platinum	13/0-13/6—0/3
15/3	Burma Corp.	16/6-16/9+1/3
7/1⅛	Champion Reef	6/9-7/3
1⅛	Chosen Synd "A"	1⅛-1⅜ — 1/32
—	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6
3/7½	Corderoy Synd.	3/6-4/0
2⅞	Huronian Belt	2⅝-2⅞
8 6	Keeley Silver	8/6-9/0
7/0	Kirkland Lake	5/9-6/3
4⅝	Mexico Mines	4⅜-4⅝ + 1/16
3⅝	Minerals Separ't'n	3⅜-4⅛
11/0	Min. Crp. of Can.	11/0-11/6—0/3
12/0	Mysore (10/-)	11/3-12/3
6/3	Nat. Min. (f.p.)	6/0-6/6
8/0	Nundydroog	7/3-8/3
13/3	Ooregum	12/9-13/9
9 0	Oroville	8/6-9/0—0/3
1⅛	Porcupine Gold	1⅛-1⅜
19/0	St. John Del Rey	17/6-18/6*
24 6	San Francisco (10/)	26/3 26/9—0/3
10/0	Santa Gertrudis	10/3-10/9
—	S. Amer. G. Areas	⅜-⅞
5 6	Vipond	5/7½-/10½—/1½
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1¼-1⅜

* Ex. Dividend. † Ex. Rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—**Consols**—57 1/16, ⅛, 3/16, 1/16, ¼, ⅛. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—97⅛, 7⅛, 7 1/16. **4½ p.c. War Loan**—97⅛, 1/16, 7. **5 p.c. War Loan**—101 1/16, 3/32, 3/32, ⅛, 1/16, 3/32, 1/16, 3/32, 1/32. **4 p.c. War Loan**—101⅛, 1 1/16, ⅛. **Funding Loan**—89⅞, ⅝, *9/16, ⅝, ⅛, ⅝, 9/16, 1/16, ½. **Victory Bonds**—93⅛, ¼, 5/16, 1/16, 2⅛. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—79 1/16, 8⅞, 15/16, 9 1/16, 8⅞, 31/32, ⅛; **do. 4½ p.c.**—97 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, 3/32, 1/16, ⅛. **India 4½ p.c.**—86⅛, ⅛, *⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛. **Australia 6 p.c. Stock**—106⅛; **do. 5 p.c. Stock**—101 1/16. **South Africa 6 p.c.**—105⅛. **Japan 6 p.c. Sterling**—92⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Aerated Bread**—26/9, 6d., 3d. **African and Eastern**—35/1½, 4/10½, 9d., 5/11. **Allied Newspapers Pref.**—20/-, 19/10½, 20/1½, 20/-. **Amalgamated Cotton**—11/3, 5½d., 1½d., 3½d., 3d. **Amalgamated Press**—45/4½, 6d., 9d., 7½d., 3d., 9d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—45/9, 5/-, 6/1½, 3d., 4½d., 5/6, 6/4½, 6/-, 1½d. **Armstrong**—15/-, 3d., 2½d. **Assoc. Cement**—16/-, 15/9, 7½d., 6d., 10½d. **Allied Newspapers Def.**—6 1/16, 3/32, 1/16, £6 9/-. **Baldwins Ord.**—13/9, 6d., 8½d., 9½d. **Barclays Bank "A"**—8¼; **do. "B"**—57/1½, 6/10½. **Bovril Def.**—46/9, 7/7½. **Brazilian Traction**—57⅛. **British-American Tobacco**—110/7½, 3d., 10/-, 6d., *9/9, 10/6. **British Oil and Cake**—24/1½, ¾d., 6d., 3d., 4/-. **British Overseas Bank**—5 1/16. **Brunner Mond**—38/10½, 9/1½, 9/-. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—85⅛, ⅜, 7/16, 6, 5⅛, *5, ⅜, ⅛, 6. **Buenos Ayres Western Ord.**—74⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Buenos Ayres Pacific**—78⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 8⅛, ⅛. **Calico Printers**—37/6, 8/-, 3d., 1½d. **Canadian Pacific**—161⅛, 60⅛, 1⅛, 60⅞, ⅞, *1⅛, 60⅞, ⅞, 1. **Central Argentine Cons.**—71⅛, ⅜, ⅛, 2. **Coats**—63/6, 4/-, 3/10½, 6d. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—23/3; **do. Part. Pref.**—24/-. **Cory (Wm.)**—43/3. **Courtaulds**—67/9, 8/3, 7/10½, 6d., 7½d., 8/-, 1½d., 7/9, 4½d., 3d., 1½d., 8/-; **do. Pref.**—18/6¾, 9d., 1½d., *3d., 10½d., 18/8¼, 7½d., 6d., 9½d. **Crosse and Blackwell**—2/8, 6d., 8d. **Crosses and Winkworth Pref.**—12/4½. **Cunard Ord.**—19/6, 4½d., 3d., 19/-; **do. Debs.**—*104. **Daily Mail Trust Debs.**—*105. **Daily Mirror Ord.**—6⅛, 11/32, ⅛. **Dorman Long**—13/3, 4½d., 1½d. **Dunlop Ord.**—10/6, 4½d., 3d., 5½d., 6d., *10/-, 3d.; **do. "C" Pref.**—20/9, 5½d., 6d., 7½d., 4½d., 6d. **Dunlop Tire America Debs.**—105. **Edison Swan**—5/9¾. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.**—19/9, 7½d., 9d. **English Sewing Cotton**—61/4½. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—58/3, 8/-, 4½d., 7/6, 8/3. **Finlay (James)**—79/6, 3d., 80/-, 79/9, 8/6, 79/-, 6d. **General Electric Ord.**—21/6, 2/-, 1/9, 6d., 7½d., 2/-; **do. Debs.**—106⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 6. **German 3 p.c.**—27/3, 7/-, 3d.; **do. 3½ p.c.**—17/6, 17/-, 16/-; **do. 4 p.c.**—17/3, 18/-, 17/-, 16/-; **do. 7 p.c. External Loan**—99¼, ⅜, 5/16, ⅛, ⅛, 8 15/16, 9 1/16; **do. issued at 92 (£60 paid)**—67⅛, ¼, ⅛, 7 1/16. **Grand Central Rubber**—23/-, 2/7½, 9d., 10½d., 3/-, 2/6. **Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Debs.**—68⅛, ⅛, 7⅛, 8½, 8, 7⅛, 8. **Great Western Rail.**—108⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—103⅛, ⅛, 3. **Harland and Wolff Pref.**—18/1½, 17/10½, 18/-, 3d. **Harrods Ord.**—43/4½, *1½d., 10½d., *2/9, 3/4½, 10½d. **Highlands Rubber**—39/-, 4½d. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—5 7/16, ⅛, 7/16, 15/32, 7/16. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—94⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 7/16, *3⅛. **Imperial Tobacco**—88/3, 8/-, 1½d., 4½d., 7/10½, 8/6, 7/9, 8/1½; **do. Canada**—28/3, 8/-, 4½d. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—21/4½, 6¾d., *3d., 7½d., 6d., 4½d., 3d.; **do. 8 p.c. Pref.**—21/3, 6d., 4d. **Linggi Rubber**—39/-, 9d. **Lipton Ord.**—24/3, 6d., 3/-, 2/6, 5/9, 4/6, 3/3, 3/-, 2/3, 2/9, *3/-. **Lister Ord.**—33/6, 4½d., 3/-, 1½d., 9d., 7½d., 3½d., 6½d., 3d. **Lloyds Bank**—61/6, 9d. **London Asiatic Rubber**—4/1½, 1d., ½d., 4/-, 3/11½, 4/0½. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—101½, 100⅞, 1, *100⅞, *⅛, ⅛, *⅛, 1⅛. **London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.**—83, 2⅞, ⅞; **do. Def. Ord.**—30 5/16, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—91/3; **do. 7 p.c. Pref.**—24/10½. **Malayalam Rubber**—39/7½, 10½d., 40/-, 39/4½, 3d., 40/1½, *39/4½, 6d. **Marconi Ord.**—31/3, 30/9, 7½d., 30/-, 6d., 4½d., 10½d., 3d., 9d.; **do. Debs.**—101½, 2; **do. Marine**—21/-, 20/-, 3d., 1/9, 6d.; **do. Canada**—5/4½, 4½d. **Maypole Def.**—5/9, 8½d., 10½d., 9¾d., 9d., 6/-, 5/8½. **Metropolitan Rail.**—*82⅞, 3, 2⅞, *⅞, ⅞, 3. **Metropolitan District**—56. **Midland Bank**—8 13/16. **Nat. Prov. Bank (£4)**—11 13/16, £11 8/3, 11⅞, 13/16. **Niger 8 p.c. Pref.**—15/1½. **Nobel Indus.**—24/7½, 4½d., 6d., 7½d.; **do. Pref.**—21/-, 1½d., 1/-. **Parent Def.**—36/4½. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—39⅛, 9⅛, ⅛, 15/16, 15/16, 15/16, ⅛. **Platt Bros. Ord.**—34/6. **P. and O. 5 p.c. Debs.**—100⅞, ⅛. **Radio Corp. Com.**—9½; **do. Pref.**—£10 0/9, 10 1/32. **Rubber Trust**—33/6¾, 7½d., 4/-, 3/6, 9d., 10½d., 4/1½, 3d., 3/10½, 7½d. **Selfridge Ord.**—29/-; **do. Pref.**—24/9. **Smithfield and Argentine**—15/3, 15/-, 14/7½. **Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.**—84⅞, *⅛, ⅛; **do. Def. Ord.**—44⅛, 5/16, 5/16, *3⅛; **do. Ord. "B"**—9⅛. **Sudan Plantations**—7 5/16, 11/32, ⅛, ⅛, 5/16, £7 4/6, 7 5/16, 3/16. **Sunday Pictorial Ord.**—85/-, 6/3, 5/11¼. **Swedish Match "B"**—9 15/16, 31/32, 31/32, 15/16, 51-64, 53-64, ⅛. **Turkish Unified**—19⅛, ⅛, 5/16, 5/16, 19⅞. **Underground Elec.**—62/6, 1/3. **Underground Income Bonds**—99⅞, 100⅛, 100. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—21/3, 1/-, 1½d. **United Dairies**—35/6, 4½d., 5/-. **United of Havana Rail.**—85⅞, ⅛, 9-64, 4⅞, ⅛, 5⅛, 5. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—13/9, 14/3, 14/-, 3d. **United Serdang Rubber**—4/0½, 1½d., 4/-, 1d., 3/10½. **United Tobacco**—86/1½, 6d., 5/9. **Vickers**—11/3, 4½d., 6d. **Walker (Peter) "B" Pref.**—20/3. **Watney Combe Def.**—216, 18, 15⅛. **Westminster Bank**—18 7/32, 1/16, 18⅛. **Whiteley (Wm.)**—77/-. 6d., 100/6, 1/6, 100/3, 10½d., 100/-, 1/6. **Jorehaut**—£5 3/-, £5 3/6, 5⅛, £5 2/-, £5 3/-. **Longai Valley**—51/-. **Lungla** (x.d.)—50/9, 1/-, 50/3. **Lunuva**—45/-. **Majuli**—94/-. **Moabund**—85/6, 6/3. **Nedeem**—86/4½, 3d., 9d. **New Sylhet**—5⅛, 1/16, 1/16. **Pandan**—21/10½, 9d., 6d. **Peacock and Nilambe**—4/4½, 4d. **Roseaugh Ceylon**—34/6, 5/3. **Sephinjuri Bheel**—*15/10½. **Singlo** (x.d.)—90/6, 90/-. **Tea Corporation**—31/9, 2/-, 1/10½, 2/3. **Travancore**—5 13/16, 15/16. **Upper Assam**—72/-, 3d., 3/-, 6d., 2/-.

MINES.

Akim—13/7½, 5½d., 6d. **Anglo-American Corp.**—24/6. **Brakpan**—74/8¼, 5/10½. **British South Africa (Chart.)**—16/6½, 4½d., *15/9, 16/6, 5½d., 7½d., *3d. **Cam. and Motor**—51/3, 50/7½. **Central Mining**—*12 7/16, 11/32, 7/16. **City Deep**—68/1½, 9d. **Cons. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa**—16/10½. **Consol. Gold Fields**—18/-, 17/6, 7½d. **Consol. Main Reef**—14/11½, 9d. **Consol. Mines Selection**—15/3. **Corderoy Synd.**—3/9, 9½d., 10½d. **Chosen Syndicate**—34/8½, 5/0¾, 4/9, 5/-, 1½d., 3d., 4/0¾, 4½d. **Durban Rood. Deep**—23/7½, 9d. **East Rand Prop.**—11/7½, 9d., 9¾d., 10½d. **Geduld**—64/4½, 4/-, *5/3, 4/6. **General Mining**—14/-. **Huronian Belt**—54/4½, 5/-, 7/-, 6/8¼, 7/1½, 6/6. **Johannesburg Invest.**—36/9, 7½d., 10½d., 6/-, 5/9. **Kirkland Lake**—6/3, 5/3. **Langlaagte**—21/6, 7½d., 1½d. **Modderfontein B (5/- shares)**—27/9, 6d., 8½d. **Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)**—46/6. **Mount Lyell**—23/10½, 4/1½, 3d., *3/10½. **New Kleinfontein**—*4/6, 6½d. **New Modderfontein**—85/1½. **New State Areas**—33/9, 4/4½, 4/-. **Nourse**—8/9. **Pengkalen**—41/4½, 3d., 6d., 2/3, 6d., 1/9. **Rand Mines**—57/6, *6d., 6/10½. **Randfontein Estates**—*19/1½, 10½d., 9d., 20/1½. **Robinson Deep B.**—38/9, 9/1½, *4½d., 1½d., 9/3. **Ropp Tin**—13/9, 14/2½, 14/-, 3d., 3½d. **Rose Deep**—13/4½. **Russo-Asiatic**—5/11, 6/-, 5/11½, 5/11¼, 10½d., 9d. **Selukwe Gold**—15/3, 4½d., 7½d., 9d., 6d., 15/-. **South American Copper**—10/6, 9¾d., 11/-. **Springs**—55/7½, 3½d., 5/-, 4/8½. **Tanganyika**—33/-, 2/9, 3/1½, 2/10½, 3/3, 6d. **Tingha (N.S.W.) Tin (5/- paid)**—10/-, 7½d., 6d., 3d., 9/6, 9d., 3d., 10/4½, 9/10½, 8½d., 10/0¾, 9/7½, *10/-, 10/9, 10/1½. **Union Corporation**—45,3 4/6, 5/-, 4/10½, *5/-. **Van Ryn**—26/7½, 9d., 7/-. **Van Ryn Deep**—*30/7½, *1/10½. **Village Deep**—11/-, 10/10½, *9d. **West Springs**—25/7½, 6d., 3d., 4½d., 5½d. **Zinc Corp.**—31/2½, 9d.

TEAS.

Amalgamated Estates—48⅞, 9⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Anglo-Ceylon**—54/6. **Assam Company**—49/6, 50/6, 50/-, 49/10½. **Assam Cons.**—21/6, 9d. **Assam Dooars**—60, 59⅛. **Assam Frontier**—£8 10/6, 8⅛, 1/16, £8 11/9, 8⅛. **Balijan**—56/3, 5/6. **Bargang**—65/-. **Borelli**—£5 9/3, 5⅛, 1/16, 1/16, 15/16. **Borhelia**—32⅛, ⅛, 1⅛, 2. **Brahmapootra**—35. **British Assam**—6⅛, 7/32, 1/16. **British Indian** (x.d.)—99/-, 7/6, 8/9, 7½d., 9/-, 8/-, 3d. **Cachar and Dooars**—6, 5 15/16, 6 1/16, 1/16, £5 19/6, 5 15/16, 31/32, 1 1/16, 1/16, £6 1/-, £6 0/6, £6 0/9. **Ceylon**—5 15/16, 1/16, 1/16. **Ceylon Prop.**—55/6. **Chargola**—36/3, 9d., 6/-, 7/-. **Chubwa**—7 1/16, ⅛. **Cons. Tea and Lands** (x.d.)—83⅛, 2⅛, 1⅛, 80⅛, 2, 80⅛, 1⅛, 80⅛, 1, 2⅛, 80⅛. **Darjeeling**—46/-, 4/-, 5/-, 4/6, 9d.; **ditto Consol.**—74/6, 5/-, 4/1½. **Deundi**—28/9, 9/-. **Dooars**—93/2½ [illegible]. **Doolegram**—70/-, 69/1½. **Doom Dooma** (x.d.)—5 1/16. **East India and Ceylon** (x.d.)—72/6. **Eastern Assam** (x.d.)—82/-. **Eastern Produce**—90/-, 89/-, 6d., 8/-, 3/6, *8/-, 9/-, 8/9. **Empire** (x.d.)—96/-, 6/-, 5/10½, 6/-. **Galaha Ceylon**—43/9, 4/-, 6d., 44/-. **Imperial** (x.d.)—61/-, 60/6, 9d., 6d., 1/-, 60/3. **Jhanzie**—98/6, 7/9, 8/-. **Jokai**—101/3,

OILS.

Anglo-American Ord.—78/1½, 7/2¼, 9¼d. **Anglo-Ecuadorian**—49/4½, 8/1½, 9d. **Anglo-Persian Ord.**—65/-, 9d., 7½d., 11½d., 6/3, 6/3¾; **do. 8 p.c. Pref.**—25/1½, 4/10½, 5/-. **British Controlled Com.**—15/7½, 8½d., 16/-, 15/11¼, 9½d., 10½d.; **do. Pref.**—16/-, ½d., 1½d., 15/11½, 9¼d., 10½d.; **do. Pref.**—16/6½, 6d., 8½d., 7½d., 3¼d., 9d., 4½d., 3d., 5½d., 5¼d., 16/10½, 9½d., 17/-, 2¼d., 16/7, 17/1½, 16/11½. **Burmah**—5 1/16. **Caltex**—2/10½, 9¾d., 9d., **Kern River**—14/7½, 3d., 10½d., 6½d., 6d. **Lobitos**—9 11/16, 55-64. **Mexican Eagle Ord.**—15/9½, 10½d., 9d., 7½d., 8½d., 6d.; **do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.**—13/9, 8½d., 6d. **Phoenix Oil**—*19/7½, 3d., 6d., 4½d., 7½d., 8½d., 3½d., 9d. **Royal Dutch**—31⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Shell**—86/3, 5/3¾, 5/7½, 6/10¼, 6/1½, 5/-, 6/6¾. **Trinidad Leaseholds**—34/6. **V.O.C. Holdings**—52/6, 1/10½, 6½d.; **do. Pref.**—49/8¼, 4½d.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather (at 5 p.m.)—S.W. to S.S.W. wind, strong breeze, with heavy squalls and showers.

Foreign Arrivals—Trito, of Rotterdam, 373 tons register, Captain Bos, from Rotterdam, with a general cargo; discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo. Winga, of Glasgow, 900 tons register, Captain Gray, from Gothenburg, with a general cargo; discharging at Shelter Sheds, Alexandra Basin. Procris, of Glasgow, 746 tons register, from Oporto and Cadiz, with wine and general cargo; discharging at Transit Shed, Custom House quay.

Coastwise Arrivals—Slieve Bawn, Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, with goods; Lady Wimborne, from London, with goods; Olive, from Heysham, with goods; Maple, from Glasgow, with goods; Lady Louth, Lady Brussels, from Liverpool, with goods; Glenageary, from Partington, with coals; Agnes Ellen, from Garston, with coals; Muirchu, Tearaght, from Dun Laoghaire, light.

Foreign Departures—Lavada, of San Francisco, 3,762 tons register, Captain Jamieson, for Avonmouth, with part cargo (general). Motorship Laponia, of Stockholm (Sweden), 3,156 tons register, Captain Vay, for Copenhagen, light.

Coastwise Departures—South Stack, Slieve Bawn, for Holyhead, with goods; Olive, for Heysham, with goods; Maple, for Glasgow, with goods; Lady Emerald, for London, with goods; Lady Louth, Lady Kildare, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with livestock and goods; Lady Wicklow, for Manchester, with livestock and goods; Lady Brussels, for Preston, with livestock; Osceola, for Birkenhead, with oil; Glenmary, for Garston, with timber; Zilla, Nugget, for Llandulas, light; Puffin, for Piel, light; Silverfield, for Ormeshead, light; Rosabelle, for Liverpool, light; Lagan, for Troon, light; Priscilla, for Trevor, light; Olivine, Mango, Stainburn, for Whitehaven, light; Glencullen, for Partington, light; Cameo, for Duddon, light; Gem, for Newport, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ACTOR, for Beira, left Gravesend 23.
ATAGO MARU, from Cardiff, arrived Port Said 22.
BARBADIAN, from Boston, arrived Gravesend 23.
BALLINA, Clyde for Coronel, called Corral 22.
BOMA, from Liverpool, arrived Port Harcourt 20.
CAMERONIA, Clyde for New York, left Halifax 21.
CITY OF EVANSVILLE, from London, arrived Beira 22.
CORFE CASTLE, London for Port Natal, arrived Marseilles 22.
CONWAY, for London, left St. Michael's 21.
CITY OF ORAN, Shanghai for London, left Cebu 23.
CAWDOR CASTLE, from London, arrived Delagoa Bay 22.
DAYTONIAN, for Manchester, arrived Boston 21.
DAKOTIAN, from New Orleans, arr. Manchester 23.
DUNUCE CASTLE, from London, arrived Beira 22.
DARRO, Liverpool for Buenos Ayres, left Santos 21.
EKARI, Duala for Liverpool, called Dakar 20.
EBANI, from Liverpool, arrived Teneriffe 20.
FUSHIMI MARU, Yokohama for London, arrived Singapore 21.
FRANCE, New York for Havre, left Plymouth 22.
GRIQUA, Port Natal for London, called Algoa Bay 20.
GROTIUS, for Batavia, left Southampton 23.
HARUNA MARU, from London, arrived Singapore 22.
HOBSON'S BAY, London for Brisbane, arr. Colombo 23.
HIGHLAND PRIDE, London for River Plate, left Vigo 22.
KABUNA, Rosario for London, arrived St. Vincent 22.
LARGS BAY, from London, arrived Sydney 22.
LORETO, London for Corral, arrived Colon 22.
LORIGA, Clyde for Coronel, arrived Colon 20.
LEVIATHAN, from Southampton, arr. New York 20.
MARLOCH, from Liverpool, arrived St. John, N.B. 22.
MELTONIAN, from Liverpool, arrived Baltimore 21.
MAJESTIC, from New York, arr. Southampton 23.
MASHABRA, from London, arrived Port Sudan 22.
MONGOLIA, Sydney for London, arrived Melbourne 22.
MALDA, from the Tees, arrived Madras 23.
MOOLTAN, London for Sydney, called Gibraltar 23.
MALAJA, Sydney for London, left Port Said 22.
MOREA, London for Yokohama, called Aden 22.
MULLERA, from London, arrived Kilindini 20.
MATSUYE MARU, for London, left Port Said 20.
MARGHA, Karachi for London, arrived Suez 23.
MATINA, from Liverpool, arrived Teneriffe 20.
MANELA, from Karachi, arrived Gravesend 23.
MARENGO, for New York, left Hull 22.
NEBRASKA, from Liverpool, arrived Los Angeles 21.
NINIAN, for New Orleans, left Manchester 23.
NICOYA, for Kingston, left the Mersey 23.
NUBIAN, for Liverpool, left Boston 20.
NANKIN, London for Calcutta, arrived Malta 22.
ORIANA, Talcahuano for Liverpool, called Antofagasta 22.
ODASA, from Calcutta, arrived Gravesend 23.
ORITA, Liverpool for Coronel, arrived Santander 22.
CROYA, for Liverpool, left Cristobal 20.
PRAHSU, from Duala, arrived Gravesend 23.
PHILADELPHIAN, from Liverpool, arrived New Orleans 22.
PORT WELLINGTON, Brisbane for London, arrived Suez 23.
ROYSTON GRANGE, from Bahia Blanca, arrived Gravesend 23.
SAMBRE, from London, arrived Pernambuco 22.
STATESMAN, Calcutta for London, left Port Sudan 22.
SCHIEDIJK, Vladivostock for Hull, arrived Suez 23.
TREGONELL, for Barry, left Marseilles 20.
TREVORIAN, from Port Pirie, arrived Avonmouth 23.
WAIMANA, London for Wellington, arrived Colon 21.
ZEALANDIC, from Tees, arrived Brisbane 22.
ZARIA, from Liverpool, arrived Lagos 21.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS MORE PLENTIFUL.

INDIA BILL TENDERS.

Conditions were slightly more comfortable yesterday in Lombard street, owing to the absence of the usual window-dressing operations this week on the part of the joint stock banks. Day-to-day loans were obtainable to 3 p.c., and weekly advanced at 2¾ p.c., but money into the new year commanded 4 p.c. and over. No business was done at the Bank, as the latter institution was not disposed to grant loans for a longer period than a week. Discounts were quiet, with fine three months' bills offering at 3 9/16 to 3⅝ p.c. The new Treasuries were 3⅝ sellers, but there were very few takers of bills of any description. At ysterday's weekly tendering for India Council bills an dtransfers there was a keen demand for the 100 laks of rupees offered, owing to the end of the year movements of funds. The total applications amounted to 338—50,000 rupees, and tenders for bills and deferred transfers at 1s. 6⅛d., and for immediate transfers at 1s. 6 5/32d., receive about 89 p.c., above in full.

Bank Rate (Discount changed July 5, 1923). 4%

60 days (fine)	3⅝%		
3 months "	3⅝%	Trade	4 4½%
4 months "	3¾ 3⅞%	"	4⅛ 4½%
6 months "	4%	"	4½ 5%
Loans to brokers day-to-day			3
" for a week			2¾%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call			2
" Discount houses, at call			2
" at notice			2¼%

Gold was 1d. per oz. higher at 88s. 6d. Silver declined 1/16d. per oz. for both spot and forward delivery to 32 5/16d. and 32 3/16d. respectively.

There was a holiday air about the Foreign Exchange market yesterday, dealings being restricted, and rates fluctuating within very narrow limits. Sterling on New York was a fraction weaker at 4.70½ to 4.70⅝ dollars, while French and Belgian francs were firm at 87.30 to 87.40 and 94.45 to 94.50 respectively. Italian lire, however, re-acted to 109.75 to 109.85, and Spanish pesetas further deteriorated to 33.86 to 33.91. In the South American group, Argentine dollars further improved to 45 5/16 to 45 7/16. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 23.		December 22.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97⅜		97⅜		97½
Amsterdam	11.64¾	11.65¼	11.64¾	11.65¼	12.10
B. Ayres	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45⅞	47.58
Barcelona	33.80	33.85	33.68	33.70	25.22
Berlin	19.70	19.80	19.70	19.80	20.40
Bombay	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	2/0
Brussels	94.45	94.50	94.45	94.55	25.22½
Calcutta	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	1/6⅞	2/0
Christiania	31.26	31.29	31.25	31.30	18.15
Copenhagen	26.46	26.68	26.80	26.85	18.15
Czecho-Slov	155⅜	155⅝	155	155½	
Finland	186⅞	187⅞	187	188	
Greece	257	262	256	261	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/4	2/4⅛	2/4	2/4⅛	25.22½
Hungary	342.000	348.000	343.000	348.000	—
Italy	109.75	109.85	109.35	109.40	25.22½
Lisbon	2⅛	2⅜	2⅛	2⅜	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.86	33.91	33.70	33.72	25.22½
Mexico	24⅝	25⅛	24¾	25⅛	24⅛d.
Montreal	4.72⅞	4.72⅞	4.72⅛	4.73	4.86
Montevideo	49¾	50⅛	49¾	50⅛	51d.
New York	4.69⅞	4.70⅝	4.70⅝	4.71⅛	4.86
Paris	87.30	87.50	87.30	87.60	25.22
Poland	24.40	24.60	24.40	24.60	25.22½
Rio de Jan.	5⅝	5⅞	5⅝	5¾	16d.
Roumania	9.17	9.23	9.20	9.23	
Shanghai	3/2⅛		3/2½		
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4	2/4⅛	2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.44	17.47	17.46	17.48	18.15
Switzerland	24.26	24.28	24.29	24.31	25.22
Valparaiso	40.20		40.20		13.33
Vienna	330.000	335.000	330.000	336.000	
Yokohama	1/7⅛	1/7⅜	1/7⅛	1/7⅜	4.5

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

TEA AND TEA SHARES.

Doubts expressed in some quarters that the prices realised for tea would soon fall off, and that the share market would receive a sharp set back appear to be premature. Leading Mincing lane dealers state that their is no sign of a break in prices, and that the prospects are bright for another two years at least. They attribute their belief to the fact that the demand for the commodity is increasing, and that no over supply seems possible. Interest always attaches to the auction sales held each week, since the prices realised for the leaf act as a guide to the share market. It is significant, therefore, that indications point to even higher values being obtained. Meantime, the shares of the leading companies continue to advance.

LYDENBURG PLATINUM.

A *Financial Times* Johannesburg telegram states that local interest is being taken in platinum, both as regards the original Transvaal Platinum Company (the properties of which are in the Waterberg district) and in the recent new finds north-west of Lydenburg. The pioneer in the Lydenburg district has been the L.P. (Lydenburg Platinum) Syndicate with a capital of £5,000 in 5s. shares. It has acquired options on a number of farms and has just been refloated with a capital of £100,000. Of this, £50,000 goes to the vendors, £30,000 for working capital has been over-subscribed, and £20,000 is being held in reserve.

LAHAT'S MISFORTUNE.

An official cable advises that the underground workings in the northern section of the Lahat mine have been flooded by an inrush of slimes and have had to be abandoned. Operations for the next five months will probably be conducted at a loss, but it is hoped to get on a paying basis again when the development work in the south mine has been completed early next summer.

CANCELLED MEXICAN LOAN CONTRACT.

Senor Arturo Elias, the Mexican financial agent at New York, has notified J. L. Arlitt that Mexico has cancelled the contract for the $50,000,000 loan, owing to failure to comply with the terms, especially "unreasonable delay in delivery of the bonds." He adds: "As a result of the Government's policy of maximum economies my Government expects shortly to meet its requirement from its own revenues." A survey of banking houses in connection with Mexico's cancellation of the Arlitt contract indicates no immediate prospects of any Mexican loan from any other source. The situation in Wall street's eyes remains where it was a year ago when the default occurred.

LIPTON'S SHARE DECLINE.

A further decline of 2s. 10½d. recorded yesterday by Lipton Ord. shares at 23s. 1½d. compares with 29s. before the announcement of the passing of the interim dividend. Earlier this year the price stood at 30s. 10½d. A year ago the company paid an interim dividend of 4 p.c., and the total distribution for the year was 10 p.c., against 12½ p.c. the previous year. The directors' decision to postpone the interim dividend this time is taken to mean that the policy outlined at the last annual meeting is being continued.

CHILD KILLED BY MOTOR CAR.

A schoolboy named Frederick L. Barnfield, of South Harting, Peterfield, whilst going to the village shop to purchase envelopes, with which to send away his Christmas cards, was knocked down by a motor car and killed. He was eight years of age.

AUCTIONS.

COUNTY OF MEATH.

I HAVE received instructions from the Executrix of the late H. L. Clifford to SELL BY AUCTION, AT 29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, On THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1925, At One o'clock,

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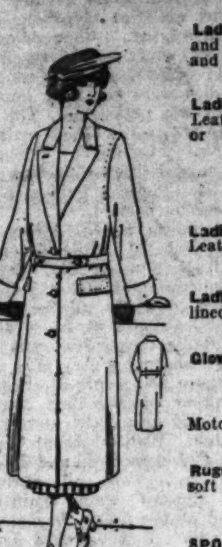

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BLACKROCK—Advertisements for "Irish Times" received at 41 Main street up to 3.30 p.m. for following day's Paper. T

BRAY—Advertisements for "Irish Times" will be received by Miss M'Cann, 96 Main street, Bray. X

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DEAF AND DUMB DRIVER.

"This accident emphasises the present unsatisfactory condition of the law with regard to the licensing of motor car drivers," said the Doncaster Coroner at an inquest at which it was stated that the driver of the car concerned was deaf and dumb.

The victim of the accident was Charles Frederick Breach, a gardener. He was walking at night with his wife and two children when a car driven by Charles Edwards, the son of a company director, knocked them all down. All except Breach escaped with minor injuries.

Mr. Edwards's evidence was interpreted to the Coroner by the principal of an institution for the deaf. He said that he was dazzled by the lights of an approaching car and did not see the pedestrians until he was on top of them.

His mother, who was with him in the car, said that he had driven for four years without an accident. Someone always accompanied him.

The jury, in returning a verdict of accidental death, added a rider recommending that in the public interest Mr. Edwards should not be allowed to drive again.

MURDERER FOUND INSANE.

In connection with the murder of a boy named Green in a back court at Glasgow, Alexander Gibson, an ex-soldier, charged with the crime, was yesterday found insane at Glasgow High Court, and was ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure.

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